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Open effect will bring £80 million to county

By Simon Robinson
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THE Open Golf tournament is expected to inject £80 million into the county's economy.

The projected figure for the Sandwich sporting event, held at the Royal St George's Golf Club, is nearly double that generated during the 2003 Open, held at the same east Kent course.

Dover and Deal councillor Nigel Collor, who chairs the multi-council Open committee, said he hoped all of east Kent would record higher returns from the event that runs from July 14-17.

Speaking at a pre-Open press conference in Sandwich Guildhall on Thursday, Cllr Collor said: "In 2003 the economic impact of the Open was £17.6m [in east Kent]. We hope to increase that this year, despite the difficult financial times.

"We had 183,000 visitors in 2003 and we estimate that more than 200,000 people will come this year. We think 17,500 cars will use the park and ride and 17,000 people will use the train."

KCC's head of sport, leisure and the Olympics, Chris Hespe, said there were many complicated factors taken into consideration to reach the prediction of £80m for the whole county, but the recent success of British golfers, like Rory McIlroy, Luke Donald and Lee Westwood, had played a significant part in boosting interest – and visitor numbers – in the coming contest.

England's Luke Donald is currently ranked number one in the world, with fellow countryman Westwood in second place, while Northern Ireland's young golfing prodigy, 22-year-old McIlroy, has shot up to third in the rankings after his spectacular win at the US Open in America last month.

Mr Hespe said: "In light of recent successes of British players, and for many other reasons besides, we are expecting more

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Picture: ADY KERRY



FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH: Rory McIlroy's appearance at this year's Open should increase attendances

HUNTING

TV star by hit hunting row

LOCATION, Location, Location presenter Phil Spencer has starred in a Countryside Alliance film which shows him killing a deer.

Animal right campaigners have turned on the Kent-born star, saying "there is something wrong with people who get a kick out killing". **PAGE 6**

POLITICS

'Mugabe won't scare me off'

A KENT-born Zimbabwean farmer has revealed his brutal treatment at the hands of Robert Mugabe's regime.

Ben Freeth was kidnapped, beaten and saw his home go up in flames because he fought for the rights of white farmers.

He has vowed not to give up his battle. **PAGE 18**

SPORT

Gills close in on Kedwell

GILLINGHAM could have a new face at pre-season training on Monday with Danny Kedwell set for a move from AFC Wimbledon.

The striker, who has supported the Gills since he was a boy, would be the first player to join the club during the close season. **PAGE 101**

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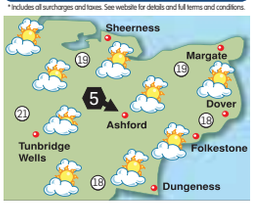
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THE OPEN

Contest aims to score a hole in one for county's economy

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than 50,000 visitors to St George's each day.

"The Open is the largest annual sporting event in the UK and it will be shown on TV worldwide in more than 100 nations, with the largest audiences in the US and Japan.

"We're expecting the tournament to have an economic impact on the Kent economy in the region of £80m and that's a 50/50 split between direct and destination benefits.

"At the 2010 Open, 80 per cent of attendees stayed away from home, with 40 per cent using hotels and 30 per cent using B&Bs. Furthermore, 25 per cent of all visitors were from overseas.

"On top of this, one third of all visitors will play golf during their stay, which is great news for the county's 90 courses.

"In terms of long-term benefits, we have been promoting golf breaks and have been marketing the idea internationally for some time and will continue to sell the concept during the tournament.

"The target is £80m and if we hit that it shows what a huge success the tournament has been for Dover and the surrounding areas and shows the whole world that we can bring in the bacon, which will be great news for Kent."

Kent Police's Supt Martin Very said the force was not expecting much crime during The Open, but that policing plans were in place "crime and disorder will not be tolerated".

Kent Highway Services' major works co-ordinator Ian Biggs said: "It is our intention to bring people along the A2/M2 route and then onto the A256 to the park and ride sites.

"We have chosen this route as the Open clashes with the Kent County Show at Detling, which is accessed predominantly via the M20."

There will be six High Speed 1 trains an hour, in addition to usual services, with the first leaving St Pancras at 5am.

Special measures have also been put in place to ensure Sandwich residents do not face unnecessary disruption throughout the duration of the tournament.

■ See golfforkent.co.uk for all the latest news from The Open, and don't forget your pullout guide to the contest inside this week's paper.

PRIVATISATION

P&O Ferries slams Dover Harbour Board and backs proposal for the People's Port

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P&O Ferries has launched a ferocious attack on Dover Harbour Board as the firm announced its backing for the community owned People's Port proposal.

The company says Dover Tory MP Charlie Elphicke's plans for the People's Port will offer ferry operators more stability and a bigger role than the privatisation proposals from Dover Harbour Board (DHB).

P&O chief executive Helen Deeble says there has been a "total breakdown of the relationship between us and DHB", with the board getting away with "abuse of their dominant position".

The People's Port would create a partnership between the town, port and ferry companies, who would then own and operate the port, with Dover District residents able to buy shares in the port for as little as £10.

The damning remarks were made in a letter to Transport Secretary Philip Hammond, and include criticisms of an increase in "unfair charges".

The letter is P&O's response to Mr Hammond's propoals to revise the criteria over the sale of Trust ports, such as Dover, to incorporate community involvement and benefits.



FUTURE: The Harbour Board's plans for Dover port are proving highly controversial

Ms Deeble also slams DHB's privatisation plans for not involving the ferry companies, and for a "serious conflict of interest" as it decides the winning bid.

Dover People's Port Trust Ltd (DDPTL) chief executive Neil Wiggins said: "What we object to is DHB being the judge, jury and executioner. We want DHB removed from the decision-making process and a totally independent body managing any sale."

P&O spokesman, Chris Laming, said: "Having been involved in DPPTL's consultation, they appear to offer us more security and we are more attracted to their plans, as long as we can discuss them in more detail."

Under DHB plans, a private company would buy and operate the port, while the Port of Dover Community Trust would own shares in the business and be paid an annual dividend, as well as an initial £10 million lump sum, which would be invested into the town.

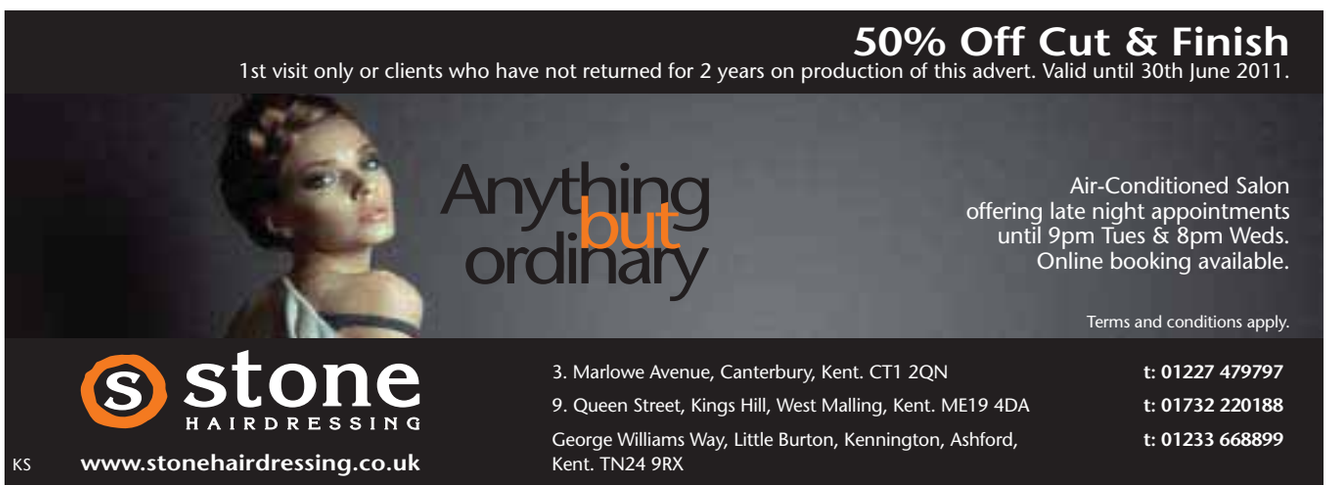
At a public meeting on Tuesday, DHB executives said it would be worth up to £95m to the community in the first five years and £60m per annum after that – although these figures have since been revised to £7.8m annually.

DHB chief executive Bob Goldfield said: "We support the new criteria and we also feel that our scheme, as submitted in January, 2010, meets, at a minimum, the spirit and objectives of the new requirements. We have consulted widely, including with our major stakeholders, the ferry companies, and we will continue to do so.

"Our most recent set of consultations have shown growing support for the Dover Harbour Board scheme within the community and with others and we look forward to a positive decision from government in the fullness of time."

But Mr Laming, said: "DHB keep increasing our tariffs in an unregulated environment and we feel their privatisation plans will allow them to abuse their monopoly position. There are no other ports on the Dover Straights that can handle our ships and we fear they could run us out of business."

Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke said: "It is important for the Big Society that the Deal and Dover people get to own their port."



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FOOD

EU holds axe over turkeys' quality stamp

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SPECIALITY: The farmfresh turkeys could lose their quality status due to a change in the rules

FREE-RANGE turkeys farmed widely in Kent are at risk of losing a European stamp of quality setting them above the rest.

The traditional farmfresh turkey is one of only two agricultural foodstuffs in the UK – the other being the traditionally farmed Gloucestershire old spot pork – to be recognised with a Traditional Speciality Guarantee (TSG).

This means consumers can recognise when the centrepiece of their Christmas dinner has been properly reared, untouched by chemicals and allowed to mature, meaning they are of the highest possible quality.

However, the European Commission is planning a change of the rules which would mean the UK losing both its TSG products.

Former Folkestone-based dairy farmer Richard Ashworth, a Conservative MEP for Kent, said he had managed to persuade members of the European Parliament's agricultural committee to vote against the decision.

He said: "The Commission had sought to change the rules and allow TSG status only to processed foods and for those which had been in production for more than 50 years.

"This would have meant both UK TSGs would lose their status. However, during the long negotiation process we managed to successfully ensure that TSGs continue applying to processed foods and to allow, in certain circumstances, the time limit to go back down to 25 years, thereby ensuring our TSGs were still included.

"Next up is the vote of the whole Parliament and negotiations with the council on this point, for which I will continue to fight for the Kent turkey."

A number of farms in Kent are members of the Traditional Farmfresh Turkey Association, which supplies birds under the Golden Promise scheme whereby turkeys are grown slowly, fed a natural diet, reared to full maturity, dry-plucked and hung for at least seven days to enhance the flavour.

Appledore Turkeys near Ashford and the Allens of Mayfair farm in Tenterden are among those signed up to the scheme.

Mr Ashmore said: "What we want to try to do is support local trade, local practices and local identification, and that's what the TSG does for producers of traditional farmfresh turkeys.

"I think British agriculture faces significant challenges due in part to competition from abroad, but many parts of the world do not reach the same standards of welfare as our farms do.

"Hopefully the TSGs will continue to apply, which presents an opportunity not just for turkey farmers. There's an appetite for this sort of thing from consumers, so whether it's Romney Marsh sheep, beef, cabbages or whatever, there's a chance for farmers to create a regional identity and get their own TSG."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Royalty to open park



PRINCESS Anne will officially open Medway Park next month – on the first day of competition at the Modern Pentathlon European Championships.

The Princess Royal, who competed at the 1976 Olympics and is now President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the five-day tournament on Thursday, July 28, to unveil a commemorative plaque at a special ceremony.

Strikes hit schools

A TOTAL of 201 schools in Kent and 37 in Medway shut or partially closed on Thursday when teaching unions called a pension reforms strike.

The Port of Dover authorities reported "business as usual" despite action by the Public and Commercial Services Union. High-speed Channel Tunnel train company Eurostar ran two extra trains to cope with extra demand.

Union rallies were held in Canterbury, Chatham, Dover, Maidstone and Sittingbourne.

Mermaid vandalised

A NEW bronze sculpture looking out over the sea was vandalised only a few hours after it was officially unveiled.

The Mermaid, which was revealed for Folkestone's Triennial festival on June 24, had white paint poured over it the same night.

The statue was cleaned up within the hour ready for the start of the festival. The yobs also targeted the new fountain, on Tontine Street, by squirting washing up liquid into the water jets.

■ **See p8-9 for more on the Triennial.**

CLIMATE CHANGE

Scientists enjoy sweet taste of success with super strawberry

A NEW breed of super strawberry, that can withstand climate change and is more resistant to disease, is beginning to emerge.

Scientists at East Malling Research have been working on a variety of the fruit which can cope with higher summer temperatures and less rainfall, to reflect the changing face of the county's weather patterns.

The fruit will require less water to grow and need fewer chemical inputs too.

Kent is a major producer of strawberries and has increasingly turned to the controversial polytunnel to protect the delicate fruit from the vagaries of the English summer.

The research is designed to help UK growers satisfy demand for strawberries between April and October.

Dubbed the Strawberry Breeding Club, it is a joint project which receives funding from the Department of Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (Defra), and a consortium of seven industry partners.

One success has been the development of Buddy, an 'ever bearer strawberry' which will be in supermarkets in 2012. Buddy is sweet and juicy and regularly topped taste tests. It is also disease resistant and crops steadily from July to October.



BUDDY: The strawberries will be available in our shops next year

The new strawberry varieties are bred by crossing robust UK and international lines that contain desirable traits such as disease resistance, high productivity and temperature tolerance. The new strawberry varieties will then be trialled in the field and assessed on six characteristics: yield, fruit size, taste, shelf life, percentage waste, and disease resistance.

Dr David Simpson from East Malling Research, said: "The breeding programme at EMR is using the latest scientific approaches to develop a range of varieties to meet the needs of growers for the future – and the demands of consumers."

As the result of an earlier project, three new EMR strawberry varieties, Vibrant, Cupid and Sweetheart, will be in shops next summer, and other new varieties will join them in the near future.

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WEATHER

Lightning and flash floods cause havoc as Kent welcomes summer

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THE county has been facing up to a variety of weather-related problems this week as the British summer got into full swing.

Lightning caused fires across Kent, heavy showers led to flash floods, while the temperatures have broken the 30C mark.

During the heatwave on Sunday, June 26, two police dogs died after they were left in an unventilated vehicle at the Metropolitan Police's training centre in Keston, north Kent.

The working Belgian malanois and German shepherd pup were found unconscious before later dying at a veterinary surgery.

Their handler was reported missing the same day, before being found with hand injuries.

Commander Bob Broadhurst said: "Two dogs have died that shouldn't have, the tragic circumstances of will be fully and thoroughly investigated."

The highest temperatures of the year so far, 33.1C, was recorded in Gravesend and also led to problems on the rail network.

Passengers on a service to Dartford forced open the doors of their carriage after a faulty train stuck at the station stranded their train further down the line.

After more than half an hour on board, passengers opened the doors and started walking to the station, meaning power on the third rail had to be turned off for their safety – causing two hours of delays as trains were halted by the power cut.

A Southeastern spokesman said: "The railway is an extremely dangerous place and passengers need to listen to our staff and Network Rail staff."

The weather broke in spectacular fashion on Tuesday this week, with thunder storms and heavy showers. Lightning strikes caused fires at properties in Stanhope, near Ashford, Tonbridge, Gravesend and Gillingham, while Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) dealt with hundreds of calls.

There were also reports of flooding at Rochester, Tonbridge and Gravesend, although none required action by KFRS.

The forecast for this weekend predicts sunny spells with light winds and temperatures about 23C, and from Tuesday the temperature is expected to fall to 20C, conditions becoming more unsettled, with showery spells breaking up sunny intervals.

The NHS advised people to take precautions in the hot weather, while an animal charity is reminding owners to look after their pets responsibly.

Andrew Scott-Clark, director of health improvement at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said: "People with heart problems, breathing difficulties or serious illnesses may find their symptoms become worse in hot weather, so they need to make sure they have enough medicines in stock and take extra care to keep cool."

Chris Laurence of the Dogs Trust, said: "While enjoying fun in the sun, please remember that dogs can suffer from the same problems that humans do including over-exposure, overheating, dehydration and even sunburn."



SEA SETTER: Many parts of the county enjoyed great weather last week, but for some the heatwave caused much damaged

TRIBUTE

Girl with rare disease dies from heart attacks

AN 11-YEAR-OLD Folkestone girl who was one of only five people in the UK with a rare immune system illness, has died.



Melanie Cottle suffered from Chediak Higashi Syndrome, which causes pale-coloured hair, eyes and skin and increased infections in the lungs and mucous membranes.

Her father, Paul left a Facebook message saying she had died after suffering three heart attacks, and had "left us peacefully in no pain".

Last month Melanie's family appealed for people with type B positive blood to donate as she needed blood for a bone marrow operation.

POLICING

'Dump commissioner plan to save £130m'

THE head of Kent's police watchdog says the Ministry of Justice should abandon plans for elected police commissioners, to plug the £130 million funding gap caused by dropping plans to cut sentences for early guilty pleas.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes, who could lose her position when Police and Crime Commissioners are introduced next May, said organising the election in Kent could cost £2m.

ART

MP picks Scottish artist's abstract print to adorn Westminster office

DECENTRALISATION minister Greg Clark has revealed which piece he chose from the 13,500 works in the Government Art Collection.

A perk of office for ministers and ambassadors allows them to look through racks of prints and paintings by British artists from the 16th century to the present day, and choose what they would like on their office walls.

Mr Clark, the Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells, chose a screen print by the Scottish sculptor and artist Sir Eduardo Paolozzi (1924-2005) called Selasa.

"I've long-liked Paolozzi's work," he said. "He was part of the post-War British artistic movement and was quite influential in the early days of Pop Art. He also did collages and used industrial printing techniques."

Mr Clark was discreet about what works his fellow ministers had chosen from the Tottenham Court Road building, which houses the collection.



WORK: Paolozzi's piece Selasa

He said: "I suppose in general, I've been to other ministers' offices and a lot of people choose quite traditional views of the House of Commons, pictures of Big Ben, and that kind of thing. But I can see that view when I'm walking to work, I wanted something different."

The print chosen, purchased by the Government in 1976, is intricate and abstract, which appealed to Mr Clark.

"I quite like abstract art," he said. "I like the intricacy of it and the combination of the industrial and the artistic – it is quite mechanical."

The print was recreated in several public works and decorated the west side of the Berlin Wall in 1976.

The Government Art Collection includes works by John Constable, Lucian Freud, Anish Kapoor and LS Lowry.

Mr Clark added: "I think as with any collection it should be available for the public to see.

"It is a collection of British artists' work built up over very many years and I think it's great for people to see it."

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ANIMAL WELFARE

Wildlife supporters angered by TV star's joy at deer shooting

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TELEVISION property expert Phil Spencer has come under fire for appearing in a bloody pro-hunting video in which he shoots his first deer.

Co-host of the popular Channel 4 show Location, Location, Location, Spencer, who grew up in Littlebourne, near Canterbury, is a keen supporter of the Countryside Alliance, which claims to promote the interests of rural people.

But the 41-year-old has ruffled feathers after taking part in a video for the organisation in which he gleefully shoots pigeons and then a deer at a farm on the Kent-Surrey border.

After killing the deer, Spencer said: "I'm chuffed to bits. It's been my ambition to shoot a deer for a long time. Hopefully I might get to taste him."

Spencer was invited to take part in the video – broadcast on the internet-only Fieldsports Channel – after starring in a Countryside Alliance advertising campaign last year.

The organisation said in its summer magazine that the presenter's endorsement of its activities was "great for morale", but anti-hunt campaigners were not so upbeat.

John Bryant, of Tonbridge-based Humane Urban Wildlife Deterrence, said there was no excuse for the hunting of wild animals in the western world.

He added: "People like Phil Spencer do it because they get a kick out of killing things that are better than they are.

"I don't understand how they can do it. I've run an animal sanctuary for seven years and am trained in humane killing, but every time I've had to kill an animal that has been hurt in a road accident, for example, it has affected me greatly. It's a dreadful thing to have to do."

Spencer was joined during filming by farm manager Andy Crow, who justified the killing of the deer by revealing it had been eating crops and making it virtually impossible to harvest.

But Mr Bryant said that was no excuse, adding: "I've never seen a case where killing an animal is necessary. People who have the difficult job of killing animals should do it with reverence – it should not be a pleasure. There's something wrong with people who get a kick out of it."

Spencer, who has co-hosted Location, Location, Location with Kirstie Allsopp since 2001, is also an ambassador for SOS Children's Villages and homelessness charity Broadway.

The son of a farmer, he told the film crew he had no problem sticking up for the Countryside Alliance.

He said: "Because I've been involved in different types of field sports since practically I could walk, it's something I'm very comfortable with.

"It's not something I would ever seek to hide from. It's part of me, it's part of who I am. It's my complete passion."

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BUSINESS

Disappointment as Ebbsfleet misses out on enterprise bid

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A CONTROVERSIAL ruling on how the Government will select its 10 remaining Enterprise Zones has been branded "ridiculous" by the leader of Gravesham council.

Labour's Cllr John Burden had been hoping the main commercial quarter at Ebbsfleet would be selected as an EZ, meaning firms would be lured into the area through incentives such as business discount rates, lenient planning rules, and superfast broadband.

However, the Ebbsfleet option was overlooked in favour of the Pfizer site in Sandwich – now called Discovery Park – when the Kent, Essex and East Sussex Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) submitted its priority bid this week.

The Department for Business had previously indicated that it expects to allocate no more than one EZ per LEP area, which Cllr Burden said was unfair.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "The Government need to take a look at themselves. They encouraged the areas to come together (as a super-LEP) and assured us we woudn't be treated as one large area, but that's what's happened.



APPLICATION: The Pfizer site, now called Discovery Park, has been chosen as our Local Enterprise Zone's bid

It's really grossly unfair and it has put our communities at a disadvantage.

"There's no question the Pfizer site needs help to attract new business, but so does Ebbsfleet. They should have both been put forward to the Government."

Development of the Ebbsfleet Valley is recognised as one of the key economic drivers for the Thames Gateway region, with businesses set to benefit from high-speed access to London and the Continent. But progress has slowed as a result of the economic downturn.

Cllr Burden said: "The Government is putting in support for first-time buyers in the area so there has been some renewed interest from builders. But being an EZ would have attracted more businesses so it's a great shame we've missed out. I'm very disappointed."

The Kent, Essex and East Sussex LEP is made up of councillors and business leaders from across the counties, and consists of a board and executive group.

An independent appraisal was undertaken for each of the six EZ bids put forward before the executive group decided on Discovery Park as its first priority.

The second preference bid was Enterprise West Essex at Harlow, which was selected for its focus on supporting small and medium-sized businesses in the medical technology and advanced manufacturing sectors.

LEP interim chairman George Kieffer said the Ebbsfleet Valley project would not be forgotten.

"I think Ebbsfleet has a much longer fuse," he said. "It was felt that for that application in particular there were other possible solutions. We wanted to make sure the strongest application went forward and we unanimously agreed on the Sandwich site."

The Government is due to announce the new zones in the autumn.

■ **Turn to Business Week on page 30 for more on east Kent's EZ bid.**
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MEMORIAL

Event remembers the brave few

ICONIC fighter planes of the 1940s will take to the skies over Kent for the 71st annual Battle of Britain Memorial Day, on Sunday, July 10.

Surviving veterans of the Battle of Britain will be amongst the guests at the Memorial Day event at the National Memorial to the Few at Capel-le-Ferne, which features a flypast and display by a Hurricane and Spitfire.

Fifteen of the men Winston Churchill referred to as "the Few" in one of his most famous speeches will be honoured guests at the event that each year remembers the enormous sacrifices made between July and October, 1940.

POLLUTION

Circling planes drop CO2 on Kent

POLLUTION levels in Kent are being increased due to a lack of runway space in the South East, in particular Heathrow.

The National Air Traffic Service has released figures showing that 600 tonnes of CO2 are being released daily over Kent as planes circle the county when their landing slots have been delayed.

Sixty per cent of arrivals at Heathrow are held in the four holding stacks, according to the figures.

London Mayor Boris Johnson has been arguing for a Thames Estuary airport to help ease congestion.

POLITICS

Tory MP's call for Lebanon ties

CANTERBURY Tory MP Julian Brazier has called on the Government to work closely with Lebanon as a key player in establishing democracy across the Middle East.

He told the Commons during Foreign Office questions: "Lebanon remains a potential force for good, with its developed civic society and its entrepreneurial spirit."

Mr Brazier has a long-standing interest in Lebanon, and has led a number of missions there and also helped to organise a conference on freedom and democracy in Beirut.



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FOLKESTONE TRIENNIAL

Art proves a force for regeneration

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CHOSEN ONE: Georgina Baker, who was picked to model for the nude statue on Sunny Sands

FOLKESTONE'S second Triennial prides itself on groundbreaking art, sculpture, design and sounds.

But however outlandish some of the creations are currently dotting the town, they surely are not as bizarre as the following statement – perhaps a first in British political history.

"Hello, I'm the minister for culture and it's very nice to be meeting a mermaid."

The minister concerned was Ed Vaizey, whose actual title is Minister for Communication, Culture and Creative Industries, while the mermaid in question was Sandgate resident Georgina Baker.

She was chosen from a shortlist of 50 people to model for the nude statue which is on Sunny Sands close to the harbour.

The £25,000 statue was created by Turner Prize-nominee Cornelia Parker and all women in Folkestone were invited to send a picture of themselves to model for it.

Cornelia wanted a "strong 21st-century woman" rather than a "stick-thin model" and mother-of-two Georgina said she was delighted to have been chosen.

Onlookers added they expected the sculpture to become one of the icons of the town.

Cornelia added: "This is a unique event in the art world and it was a chance to immortalise someone from Folkestone who stands for all the people here."

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> **CORNELIA PARKER,** SCULPTOR

Mr Vaizey congratulated both sculptor and model before saying he felt the Triennial – as part of a project to regenerate Folkestone through the arts – could be seen a blueprint for other communities.

"It's fantastic," he said. "I came here three years ago and it is impressive to still see pieces from 2008 in place, such as Tracey Emin's work and Mark Wallinger's Folk Stones which each represent a soldier killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

"The town seems to have taken the Triennial to heart and for that Folkestone has something to tell other towns in Britain who are looking for ways to regenerate.

"This event will bring people to the town and that will be good for businesses, restaurants, cafés and the like. There is a lesson from Folkestone and it is up to other towns to work out how it can be applied to them.

"This regeneration has shown how beautiful public art can be, and of course people want to live in such a place."

Mr Vaizey said he had links with east Kent including family holidays in Thanet and his father, John, is buried in a



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EXHIBITS: Artworks are dotted around the town, including Rug People by Paloma Varga Weisz at the old station, and For Those In Peril On The Sea by Hew Locke at St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church

Romney Marsh churchyard

The town's MP Damian Collins said: "It's great to see this event adding to the legacy of the first Triennial. We also have an exciting extended fringe this year and the whole event is a big opportunity for local businesses as well as those taking part."

Andrea Schlieker is behind the event, and said it is one of the most ambitious public art projects ever to be presented in the UK.

The selected artists were invited to develop new works for Folkestone's streets, squares, beaches and historic buildings to create a cutting-edge contemporary public art exhibition.

Other major attractions include For Those In Peril On The Sea by Hew Locke – a large-scale installation of around 100 model ships collected from around the world as well as made of cardboard, suspended from the nave of St Mary and St Eanswythe Church, the oldest building in Folkestone.

Other exhibitors include Tonico Lemos Auad who presents a series of Brazilian boat figureheads which will be installed around Folkestone Harbour. Charles Avery has made a 20ft long sea monster on the floor of a large room in Folkestone's Library.

And Turner Prize-winner Martin Creed created a sonic work for Folkestone's Leas Lift, and Spencer Finch has observed the ever-changing tone and colour of the English Channel over a number of weeks and has created a palette of colours that have been used to dye a hundred flags and create a special colour wheel.

Peter Bettley of the Folkestone Creative Foundation which is also behind the event said: "This event shows our commitment to rejuvenating Folkestone through the arts.

"The place was heaving at the weekend and what everyone visiting from outside seems to have remarked upon is how the people of Folkestone have got behind the Triennial and taken the event to heart."

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SEA CREATURE: The 20ft sea monster by Charles Avery lies in wait for visitors to Folkestone Library





BLUEPRINT: Minister Ed Vaizey said the Folkestone Triennial sets a shining example for other towns looking for ways to regenerate

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ABUSE

Stop turning a blind eye to care homes, says expert

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CARE home abuse like that exposed in a recent Panorama investigation is a problem we must all help tackle, says a social work expert.

Dr Alisoun Milne from the University of Kent – author of the new book Mental Health and Care Homes – says the public too often turn a blind eye to what goes on inside homes like Bristol's Winterbourne View, where BBC reporters filmed vulnerable patients suffering horrific abuse at the hands of staff.

A reader in social gerontology and social work at the school of social policy, sociology and social research, Dr Milne added that people should take more of an interest in the places where they may one day end up.

She said: "When a scandal like Winterbourne hits the media, it alerts us to the more severe abuse that goes on. But the more we incorporate care homes into our ordinary lives, the less likely it will be that these abuses will happen.



TIME TO CARE: It's up to all of us to take an interest in the treatment of our vulnerable

"People often feel uncomfortable talking about people in care homes, and we don't want to engage with the issues unless they're affecting our grandparents or whoever. We're all guilty of that.

"But it's not acceptable to say 'tut tut, look at that' when abuse occurs because it should be all our responsibility. After all, many of us will live in care homes in the future. The residents are a profoundly marginalised group who are often invisible in the wider debate on quality of care."

Dr Milne's book, co-edited by NHS medical director Tom Dening, is an evidence-based text exploring issues in the care home industry with contributions from residents, family carers, staff, researchers and clinicians.

Residents of Kent's care homes have had a difficult past year, partly due to Kent County Council's decision to close, sell or rebuild a number of homes.

The recent financial troubles of Southern Cross have added to older people's woes due to uncertainty about what might happen to them should the company go out of business.

Dr Milne said: "We have an overarching duty to protect residents of care homes and ensure any stress placed upon them is minimalised."

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POLITICS

Ukip leader predicts clean sweep in Kent at Euro polls

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EUROPEAN AMBITION: Nigel Farage addressed villagers at a meeting in Charing

UKIP believes it can win the next Euro elections in Kent.

Party leader Nigel Farage, a South East MEP, believes the Eurosceptic is growing in popularity with younger voters and is able to punch above its weight.

At May's local elections Ukip won its first seat in the county, taking a place on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

At a public meeting in Charing on Tuesday, he said: "There is a whole new generation out there who don't watch the News at Ten. They get their information on mobile phones, iPads, on computers and it is the growth of Twitter, Facebook, YouTube.

"That is where Ukip is doing best why we are now consistently ahead of the Lib Dems in the youth of this country – we've moved into third place.

"You can't underestimate the online stuff in a game like this.

"We also want to make more of an effort to fight local elections in the future.

"The Tunbridge Wells branch managed to get one in. We came very close to winning seats in Sittingbourne and Sheppey and we intend to build on this success.

"One of my aims in 2014 is to actually win the European election in Kent and I believe that it is achievable.

"The more I'm able to talk about Kent issues, the clearer our message will be and the stronger our support will become."

Mr Farage, who lives in Westerham, went on to say the export of live animal exports through Ramsgate is allowed to happen because of EU legislation and, while he does not favour a complete ban, he wants to support protesters there.

He said: "This is a very contentious matter and I don't think it is a black-and-white issue. I wouldn't support a 100 per cent ban on the export of live animals because what if there is a race horse to run at the Arc De Triomphe? Or what if we are sending bulls off for breeding?

"We have to think sensibly about these things."

He also criticised the Romney Marsh and Thanet windfarms as blots on the landscape, arguing there should be a new nuclear reactor built at Dungeness.

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News

CROSS-BORDER CRIME

Pegasus swoops on the flying criminals

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Picture: TONY BUTLER



READY: Police and pilots at Rochester Airport for the launch

ANTI-TERRORISM officers have called on the public to help stop would-be criminals entering Kent in small planes.

Project Pegasus launched by Kent Police this week also aims to stop drug-smugglers, human-traffickers and other offenders from entering the UK via the county's skies.

Det Chief Supt Chris Hogben said the scheme required the aviation community to report any unusual activity or behaviour around light aircraft.

He added: "We know there's a lot of criminal activity taking place and one terrorist act is one too many. We want the aviation community and members of the public to be our additional eyes and ears."

Owners and operators of aircraft and airfields are being asked to remember the word 'skies' in conjunction with Project Pegasus, with each letter representing a different reminder of how they can help in the fight against crime.

They are S – stay alert; K – know your environment; I – intelligence is everyone's responsibility; E – expect the unexpected; and S – record and report suspicious activity.

DCS Hogben added: "It only takes 10 minutes to fly across the Channel, and Kent has about 120 public and private airfields and helipads. In addition, Kent is the gateway to both the UK and Europe so it's easy to see why we are so security conscious."

In December, 2009, French pilot Eric Laou-Hap was jailed for four years after attempting to smuggle seven illegal migrants into Kent on his light aircraft.

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TOURISM

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ROLLING OUT THE BARREL: From left, Sandra Matthews-Marsh of Visit Kent, John Humphreys of Shepherd Neame, Amanda Cottrell of Visit Kent, and KCC's Kevin Lynes at the launch

TOURISM chiefs are targeting Londoners in the latest phase of their campaign to boost visitor numbers.

As part of its marketing drive, Visit Kent has put up striking images of the county at tube and rail stations around the capital.

In keeping with the London connection, the campaign was launched in a Westminster pub owned by Faversham brewer Shepherd Neame.

Images of attractions such as the chalk stacks at Botany Bay, the Historic Dockyard Chatham, and Hever Castle, have been taken by the French photographer Jean Luc Benard.

His brief was to give the county a contemporary twist in a move away from the more traditional scenes.

He said: "I wanted to make people look at the images and think 'that can't be Kent it must be somewhere else, like the south of France'."

This is the second year of the Kent Contemporary campaign. Visit Kent estimates it has generated 79,000 additional overnight trips worth nearly £18 million. Day trips have also increased, bringing more than £7.8m into the county's economy.

With families opting to give foreign destinations a miss because of tight budgets, tourism chiefs hope the 'staycation' trend will continue to benefit the county.

Visit Kent chairwoman Amanda Cottrell said: "This is very much a forward-looking campaign. We have to celebrate our history, but to attract investment and help local businesses it needs to be a present and future campaign as well."

Around £3.2 billion a year is generated by Kent's tourism industry, which employs 62,000 people.

Visit Kent is supported by Kent County Council, Medway Council, the district and borough councils, Tourism South East, and major tourism businesses.

Mrs Cottrell said: "Kent is becoming an exciting vibrant place and because of our transport connections this is a major opportunity."

More images will also be appearing across the county on buses and trains to also inspire local travellers to vacation in the county.

KCC cabinet member responsible for tourism Cllr Kevin Lynes, said: "The transport links to Kent have never been so good thanks to High Speed 1.

"You can be on the beaches of Margate and visiting the new Turner Gallery within 90 minutes.

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TRAVEL

Cheap bus travel for 17-20 year olds set for next year

By Steve Knight
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EDUCATION chiefs say they are driving ahead with plans for concessionary bus travel for Kent's post-16 students.

Last week KoS revealed how more than 10,000 people had signed an online petition calling for the popular Freedom pass – which allows 11-16-year-olds to travel on the buses for a one-off annual fee of £100 – to be extended to young people aged 17-20.

But Kent County Council cabinet members revealed this week that they are already at an advanced stage in setting up some sort of concessionary travel scheme, and have consulted with members of Kent Youth County Council.

Cabinet member for education, Cllr Sarah Hohler, said: "We have [been] considering options for a post-16 bus concession and it was most helpful to have a conversation with the youth members.

"They are really passionate that something is needed after changes were made to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), and have even set up a sub-group to highlight the issue.

"We share their point of view, which is why a cabinet member working group was established in April."

This week the Freedom pass e-petition passed the 12,000-signature target, meaning councillors must now hold a public debate on the issue.

But Cllr Hohler and her deputy, Cllr Mike Whiting, hope young people will be satisfied with the new proposals.

Cllr Whiting said: "I will be meeting with youth county councillors again to talk through our ideas in more detail. They have been a great help and are doing a sterling job to represent the views of thousands of young people across the county.

"I am confident we will be able to develop a proposal which can go for public consultation, and that a scheme which will be welcomed by learners in post-16 education or training in Kent can be introduced in September, 2012."

EMA, which prompted a public outcry when it was scrapped by the Coalition in January, was a £30 weekly payment scheme supporting young people from lower-income families in 16-19 education.



DISCOUNT: Plans for a 17-20 concessionary bus travel scheme are already being considered by chiefs at Kent County Council

Many teenagers spent part of the cash on education travel, and its removal prompted the call for help to KCC.

Kent Youth County Council member Samuel Watkin said he was encouraged by the council's willingness to listen.

He added: "While this scheme still has many more hurdles to leap before young people can start to benefit, I believe this is a real step forward on the road to better public transport for post-16 students in Kent."

Meanwhile, the Labour Party announced this week that over-16s who stay in full-time training or education would receive free bus and train travel under a future Labour government.

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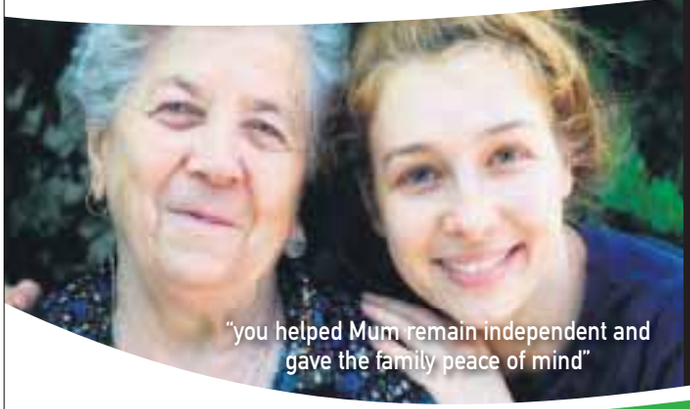
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POLICE

Fed-up police feel 'hated' by the Government

By Steve Knight
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MORALE among Kent Police officers is "below the floor" due to Government spending cuts and attacks on their pensions and working conditions.

That was the claim made by the chairman of Kent Police Federation, Ian Pointon, following publication of a survey which revealed 98 per cent of about 1,500 county officers feel morale has fallen over the past year.

In addition, about 87 per cent of respondents feel crime will rise and service to the public will fall as the force attempts to save £50 million over the next four years with 500 less officers and 1,000 fewer support staff.

About 87 per cent also said they thought the cuts would have such a detrimental effect that officers would want to leave.

Mr Pointon said: "This survey contains hundreds of years of experience and reinforces what the professional view is, and that's that crime will rise and service to the public will fall as a result of these cuts.



LOW MORALE: There are concerns that cuts could make officers turn their backs on the force

"I have been a police officer for 27 years and the morale is as low as I've ever known it. It's not just on the floor but below the floor.

"In reality officers knew there was going to be a pay freeze and that they would have to pay more for their pensions, but they're also being asked to take salary cuts that are not going to other public sector workers.

"It seems like the Government hates the police and police officers. They say all the right things but do all the wrong things."

Kent Police is currently undergoing a major restructure as a result of a 20 per cent cut in government funding, which will see a reduction in the number of policing areas in the county from six to three.

The force announced last month that it plans to merge its IT department with those in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk to save £3 million-£4m over the next four years.

Mr Pointon said: "In fairness to the force, the Chief Constable [Ian Learmonth] is in a position not of his own making and is trying to do the best he can with the resources presented.

"Mr fear is that when things go wrong the Government will shift the blame to the chief constables when it's actually the Home Office's responsibility."

Mr Learmonth, who celebrates a year in charge of Kent Police this week, said it was no surprise that officers and other staff were feeling "unloved and not listened to".

He added: "These changes are unprecedented. I have 34 years' policing experience and I've never known changes of this magnitude so it's not surprising that officers are feeling very sensitive at the moment.

"Much hard work goes into keeping officers and staff informed and engaged through this difficult period. It is also worth noting that the survey was completed by less than half of the officers in Kent Police."

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DESPOT: Dictator Robert Mugabe has ruled Zimbabwe with an iron fist for 31 years

HUMAN RIGHTS

White farmer tells of family's plight under brutal Mugabe regime

By Steve Knight
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HE HAS been kidnapped, tortured and forced to watch his home burn to the ground, but still Ben Freeth refuses to give up on peace in Zimbabwe.

The Kent-born 41-year-old is one of thousands of white farmers to have been driven from their land under the orders of Robert Mugabe, who has ruled the south African nation with an iron fist for the last 31 years.

But unlike many of his peers, Mr Freeth – whose parents still live in Sittingbourne – is refusing to go down without a fight.

Explaining his reasons for writing a book about his experiences, he said: "The cost of freedom is very dear. Some people in Britain forget the sacrifices made by their fathers and grandfathers back in World War Two. A lot of people lost their lives but they were prepared to stand against the tyranny that threatened to take over the world.

"That's similar to where my family is now. We can either run away from it or we can stay and fight it, and we believe you have to fight evil if you want to see an end to it.

"You can't build anything when there's a bulldozer running around in your country destroying everything, so what I'm trying to do is help create an environment where



PERSECUTED: Ben Freeth, with late father-in-law Mike Campbell, after their legal challenge against Robert Mugabe's dictatorship

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TOUCH OF EVIL: Ben Freeth's home was burnt down in 2009 by supporters of Robert Mugabe

that bulldozer isn't there any more."

Since President Mugabe began his violent land seizure programme in 2000, thousands of white farmers and their families have been forced to abandon all that they own and flee Zimbabwe.

But in 2008 Mr Freeth and his late father-in-law Mike Campbell took the unprecedented step of challenging the dictator via the Southern African Development Community, accusing him and his government of racial discrimination and violations of basic human rights.

The case was successful on all counts, but not until after Mr Freeth and his parents-in-law were kidnapped on the day in 2008 when Mugabe was sworn back into power.

"We were dragged away by a heavily-armed gang and severely tortured," he said. "We had 13 broken bones between us and my father-in-law never recovered from his injuries; and all because they wanted us to withdraw the court action.

"We're not on the farm any more and we don't have our house because it was burned down in 2009. When we tried to rebuild it we were stopped and severely intimidated.

"We're living in the town now, which is very different from being on the farm. It's like a different country altogether."

Mr Freeth was awarded an MBE last October for services to the Zimbabwean agricultural community, and his story is also the basis of an award-winning documentary entitled Mugabe and the White African.

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He has now written a book of the same name in which he describes, among other things, the first time he met Mugabe.

"It was some years ago at a rally in a rural area in the middle of nowhere," said Mr Freeth. "I was asked to make an impromptu speech as I had been involved in a scheme to support small black farmers, and so I talked about a piano having black and white keys and how you can produce a beautiful sound by playing them together.

"The crowd loved it and were applauding me, but when I went up to Mugabe I could tell he was incredibly resistant to the message I had given and really didn't want to shake my hand, but felt he had to.

"The touch of his hand was something I can still feel today. It was very cold and clammy, and there was no feeling of warmth or love that emanated from him. A touch of evil I think."

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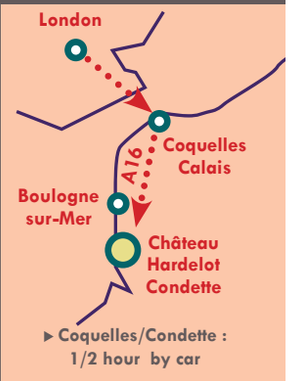


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NATURE

Ladybird atlas shows natives falling foul of foreign cousins

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BRITISH ladybird species are dying out in Kent as foreign invaders take control of the Garden of England.

According to a study by the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), more than a fifth of native breeds are in decline across the British Isles due to a combination of climate change and new competition for food and habitat.

In Kent the decline of the two-spot ladybird has been blamed on the rise of the Asian harlequin variety, which was introduced in 2004 to control pests.

The results of the nationwide study have been published in the new Ladybird Atlas of Britain and Ireland, co-authored by Dr Helen Roy of the CEH.

She said: "The atlas data enables us to address many key questions on the fascinating life histories of our 47 ladybird species. As well as being charismatic and popular insects, ladybirds have an important role as indicators of our changing environment.

"Ladybird interactions with natural enemies, particularly parasites, are intriguing and we hope this atlas will encourage further recording of both ladybirds and also the natural enemies associated with them."



DYING: There has been a big decline in the number of two-spot ladybirds in Kent

Ladybirds are regarded as useful allies by Kent gardeners as they feed voraciously on greenfly and blackfly.

The new harlequin species does the same, but also has an appetite for the eggs and larvae of other beneficial insects including moths, butterflies, lacewings and other ladybirds.

It is also larger, breeds faster and competes with others for food.

"There's been a major decline in the number of two-spot ladybirds in Kent over the last five years," said Tony Witts, information manager at the Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre.

"But it's difficult to judge the effects of non-native ladybirds coming over because there's also a feeling they may be moving north as a response to climate change.

"Nature does what nature does and things are in a constant state of flux, so we're not at all surprised by the trend.

"But at the same time humans put a lot of value in the things they recognise, and people recognise ladybirds so it's seen as a bad thing when they disappear."

Mr Witts added that it was difficult to judge what effect new species have on their surroundings until it is sometimes too late.

He said: "If there are less ladybirds that like a particular type of aphid then the population of that aphid might increase. There are untold ramifications to change.

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HEALTH

Hospital meets care standards for the elderly

A HEALTH watchdog probe into care for elderly people has found hospitals in east Kent are meeting standards for safety and quality.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has been inspecting 100 hospitals nationwide focusing on whether older patients are treated with dignity and respect, and get enough food and drink.

Inspectors have reported some serious concerns about the treatment of the elderly at other hospitals around the country, including patients being left dyhydrated and not helped to eat.

But a CQC review of the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate found it was meeting the essential standards of treating people with dignity and respect, and fulfilling their nutritional needs.

An experienced nurse and two inspectors paid an unannounced visit to the hospital in April and spoke to staff and patients.

The report praised the "calm and welcoming" atmosphere on the wards for older people and found the nurses encouraged patients to get out of bed and sit up to help them feel better.

Most people liked the food and said there was enough choice. Although some patients on special diets did not feel these were well catered for and did not think the staff were always aware of the food they could tolerate, the report states.

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She will be raising cash for the Macular Disease Society, after being diagnosed with the condition two years ago. Macular disease is the most common cause of sight loss in the UK.

Jean said: "I to do this to prove that sight loss isn't holding me back."

Visit www.justgiving.com/Jean-Boyd to sponsor her.



TELEVISION

Director given access to football's power-brokers for TV documentary

By Steve Knight
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THE once-secret events that led to the formation of football's richest league will be uncovered in a new documentary by a Kent film-maker.

Peter Williams, from Boughton-under-Blean, near Faversham, was granted exclusive access to five key men in the sport who opened up about the years of arguments, agreements and clandestine meetings that eventually led to the launch of the English Premiership in 1992.

These included former Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein, ex-Everton chairman Sir Philip Carter, former Tottenham chairman Irving Scholar, ex-Manchester United supremo Martin Edwards, and the current chairman of the FA's international committee, Noel White.

Their comments were recorded by Mr Williams for his new documentary The Premier League – The Night Football Changed for Ever, which will be screened early next month on Sky.

Mr Williams, who has won a string of awards throughout his lengthy career as a producer/director, described the events that led to the formation of the Premiership as "fascinating".

He added: "The world of football is full of secrets, and one of the things the film revealed was just how many secret meetings took place before the launch of the Premier League.





SECRETS: Chelsea captain John Terry, and documentary maker Peter Williams

"It was a cloak-and-dagger affair, and the big five teams at the time – Arsenal, Everton, Spurs, Manchester United and Liverpool – were instrumental in that.

"I think there was a general feeling within English and Welsh football that things should be kept in the family, and there was not a huge appetite to break away from the Football League.

"But two things changed that – money and frustration. The clubs didn't think they were being paid enough for the big marquee games because the television fees were divided equally, meaning Mansfield earned as much as Man Utd. They also wanted to push through a modernisation of the game which was frustrated by teams from the lower divisions.

"For example, the bigger teams wanted to introduce two more substitutes, but the lower league sides didn't want to because of the extra laundry bills."

As all fans of the beautiful game now know, the big boys of English football made the right choice in breaking away from the Football League.

The division is now the richest in the world and home to some of its best players, with attendances and club revenues at an all-time high.

However, critics have accused moneymen of ruining the sport by creating a generation of overpaid players and widening the gulf in quality between the Premier League and the lower divisions.

Mr Williams said his documentary did not attempt to decide whether the formation of the league was a good or bad thing for English football.

He said: "That's a different programme. You can't do two, it's too much. The story of the formation of the league itself is sufficient. This is a fact-based programme. It would be nice to make another about people's views on the league, because 20 different people will give you 20 different opinions."

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COMPETITION

WIN! Pairs of tickets to Live at the Castle

THIS summer sees a spectacular line up of Britain's hottest artists at Leeds Castle on Sunday, July, 17.

Live at the Castle promises to be Kent's best value outdoor concert, with six hours of live entertainment from some of the newest and biggest names in music.

Headline boyband act The Wanted, nominated for Best British Single at the Brits and chosen to sing the official Comic Relief single, will perform alongside Alexandra Burke, who shot to fame after her victory on the X Factor.

Also appearing is Eliza Doolittle, the 22-year-old singer-songwriter from London, who had a platinum-selling hit last year with her eponymous debut album, plus Britain's Got Talent runners up dance duo, Twist and Pulse, and rising Mancunian singer-songwriter Jodie Connor.



Brazilian-born English rapper Aggro Santos will be gracing the stage with his lyrical genius, and many other up-and-coming bands on the music scene will also be appearing, including China Soul, daughter of 70s icon David Soul, who will perform songs from her debut album Secrets & Words.

Tickets are selling fast and are available at www.heritageevents.co.uk at £27.50 per person.

We have three pairs of tickets to give away, and to be in with a chance of winning just answer this question:

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a) Edinburgh Castle
b) Leeds Castle
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POLICE

Force to fight crime and cut fuel consumption with electric eco car

KENT Police has unveiled its first zero-emission squad car.

Officer say the electric Mitsubishi I-MiEV eco-car will help the force to meet Government targets and achieve its own target of a 35 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2014.

The car has a number plate of P999 ECO, and was donated by Dartford-based renewable energy company Enevis. It has a top speed of 80mph and can travel more than 90 miles between charges.

It will initially be based with rural neighbourhood teams working out of Meopham Police Station.

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth said: "As well as positively impacting on the environment, reducing emissions in this way will help save Kent Police money that can be re-invested in frontline policing."

COMPETITION

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Come along to the Kent County Show in Detling on July 15-17 where the I Love British Turkey team will be handing out free samples of barbecued turkey burgers and sausages. You'll also have the chance to watch cookery demonstrations and enter a prize draw.

If you're unable to visit the show this year, British Turkey is giving you the chance to win a Weber barbecue.

To enter, just answer this question:

Which dates is the Kent County Show on?

a) July 21-23
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REGATTA

Seaside fun at regatta

THE Dover Regatta hits the seafront this weekend. On Saturday the traditional dragon boat race takes to the sea, the RNLI will perform an air-sea rescue demonstration and there will be a fireworks display in the evening. On Sunday you can try your hand at rowing and windsurfing and the the Prince of Wales' Royal Regiment Tigers display team will be dropping in.

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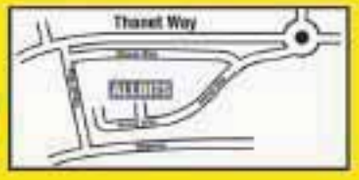
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OPINION

Tories are obsessed with cuts

New Medway Labour councillor Isaac Igwe believes the Conservative administration will fail to build on the successes of the last government

NOW the new council is in place, the residents of Medway – including myself – are hoping the Conservatives will come up with policies that will see Medway advance in all spheres of economic, education and social development.

The need to demonstrate measurable achievements is even greater now, as the council is pushing for city status.

It will be recalled that this time last year the Conservatives were moving with the speed of a hungry lion in pursuit of a prey in carrying out the closures and forced mergers of primary schools without proper consultation.

Although some of the schools were eventually closed, others were saved by the effort of Labour councillors, who raised armies of community campaigners to oppose the cuts.

Until the end of the last financial year we enjoyed development and regeneration projects that saw the development of the four universities in Medway, the construction of affordable housing sites, and Olympic fever with the transformation of the Black Lion Leisure Centre to a training ground for the Olympians.

These schemes were funded and supported by Labour, despite claims from Conservatives who refused to acknowledge this; the evidence remains the past Labour government promoted the development and prosperity of Medway.

Under David Cameron, the Tories dwell on criticising the Labour government, instead of taking responsibility for supporting our fragile economy that was damaged largely by a global financial crisis. The Government is taking a reckless path of swingeing cuts, which are raising concern from the OECD and economists.

With growth struggling, inflation rising, unemployment soaring and services struggling to stay afloat the economic policy of the government is misguided. The behaviour of the government has trickled down to the Tory portfolio holders in Medway who are quick to find excuses when confronted with issues that hinge on social development. They have become obsessed with cuts.

My concern about the ability of the Conservative administration in Medway to lead the council is based on events I witnessed at the last full council meeting, which marked my first attendance as an elected councillor. Labour group leader Cllr Paul Godwin raised a motion that referenced a historical agreement that the mayoral position will not be politicised, rather it should be rotated among the groups.

I gathered it was the turn of the Labour group to appoint a mayor when Cllr David Brake was appointed last year, yet at the start of this council period Cllr Ted Baker was elected as the new mayor, defeating Labour nominee Cllr Nick Bowler in a manner that presents the Tories like pupils acting out an over-rehearsed school drama in front of their parents.



Tories will dwell more on attacking Labour and our ideals than tackling problems

My concern is the behaviour the Conservative councillors as a group in a minor issue such as mayoral succession will be replicated in serious issues such as healthcare, maintenance of roads, and provision of affordable housing.

I have a feeling the Conservatives will dwell more on attacking Labour and our ideals with the intent to frustrate progressive ideas about community development and cohesion, which we profess, and forget about building on the indelible legacies which the past Labour government brought to Medway.

In any case, I pledge to play my part in ensuring the people I represent get a fair deal.

■ See yourmedway.co.uk for all the news and sports.

KOS COMMENT

Opening world's eyes to Garden of England

THE Open golf tournament may only last four days, but the effects on the Kent economy will hopefully be felt for a great deal longer.

The county could be in line for an £80 million boost as more than 200,000 of the sport's fans travel from across the globe to witness stars including recent US Open winner Rory McIlroy.

Held at the Royal St George's course in Sandwich, the financial gain comes at a time when a community bracing itself for the loss of Pfizer needs it most.

The Open will alert people's attention to what Kent has to offer, and hopefully bring people flooding back in future.

Triennial talents to turn town around

THE Folkestone Triennial is a fantastic example of how great art can be used to help regenerate a town.

And despite being vandalised just hours before its unveiling, the new Mermaid will serve as a timely reminder of this superb local event.





Marbled white butterfly at Snodhurst Bottom
submitted by Andy Tingley

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Different way of doing things

MAY I express my disappointment at the use of some of the inflammatory language in the article 'Taxpayer could help pay boarding school fees' (KoS, June 26).

Vulnerable children will not be "shipped off" to boarding school as the article suggests.

This will be an opportunity offered to a small number of children (probably no more than 20-25, which compares to the 1,600 children in the care of Kent County Council) who are on the edge of being taken into the care system.

It will be their choice and we will work with their families and prospective headteachers to make sure these children will be allocated a place at an appropriate boarding school, if it is the right option for them.

While making improvements to children's social care in Kent, I am looking at ways we can do things differently.

I am passionate about this assisted boarding scheme which vulnerable children in past generations benefited from.

I have visited boarding schools that can offer the level of support, structured routine, healthy meals and after-school activities that most parents provide for their children.

Sadly not all children have parents who can provide the support that most children thankfully take for granted – and ultimately it is my responsibility to make sure our most vulnerable without parental support receive the best possible quality of care.

However, the primary objective for supporting boarding school placements is to keep children in their families. It is a sad fact that a child placed in care is more likely to end up in prison than go to university. In 2010, less than five per cent of looked-after children in Kent achieved five good GCSEs, compared to 60 per cent of the overall school leaver population.

At boarding school a vulnerable child without proper parental support would benefit from a high-quality education and a stable environment to continue their learning in the evenings and weekends. During some weekends and holidays they would go back to their parents or other relatives. It's a win-win situation for these children and Kent taxpayers.

Your article suggested that these children would go to boarding school at "taxpayers' expense". However, placing these children into care is extremely expensive and highly disruptive to their lives – and is paid for by the taxpayer. A typical KCC in house foster placement costs up to £400 per week, and an independent foster care placement around £1,000 a week – and these costs compare favourably to national figures.

A placement in a residential children's home can cost nearly £3,000 a week. A boarding school placement can cost around £15,000-25,000 a year, but I am liaising with a charitable foundation that offers up to 40 per cent bursaries.

Private schools often provide free or heavily subsidised placements for vulnerable children and have done so for many years.

Our most vulnerable children ought to benefit from arrangements that could change their lives for the better, enabling them to make a positive contribution to society rather than be a drain on the welfare system.

I make no apologies for looking at different ways of doing things. My one and only aim is to improve the lives and life chances of vulnerable children and their families.

Cllr Jenny Whittle, cabinet member for specialist children's services, Kent County Council

Poll cuts to Coalition core

YOUR readers may not have heard that a major new poll was conducted for the Taxpayers' Alliance by YouGov, which revealed public support for billions in spending cuts that the Government aren't even making.

They polled in favour of cuts to foreign aid, high-speed rail, trade union funding and a green investment bank.

YouGov asked nearly 3,000 people and the results showed that the wider public back some of the Taxpayers' Alliance's biggest campaigns on public spending including:

- 69 per cent supported freezing the international development budget at its current level, saving £3.7 billion a year (12 per cent opposed; 43 per cent would scrap the budget entirely)
- 48 per cent supported cancelling plans to fund a new high-speed rail line between London and Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester, saving £30bn (34 per cent opposed)
- 44 per cent supported cancelling plans to provide money to the planned Green Investment Bank, saving £3bn (33 per cent opposed)

It appears that while some are suffering from cuts, the powers that be are still prepared to spend, spend, spend when and where it suits them – and waste is still an issue at all levels.

Ian Taylor, Dover

What about the rest of us?

JUST like the strikers in Greece, our public sector workers are behaving like spoilt children determined to have their way, whatever the consequences.

They might as well strike because they don't like the weather, because they obviously can't deal with reality.

The reported massive shortfalls in their pension schemes would be unsustainable in the private sector and financial reality would take its usual course. Because they work for the Government, seen by many as a 'cash cow' with access to unlimited amounts of money, they think whatever their losses, the Government can yet again return to the bottomless pit that is filled with 'funny money' that appears by magic. You'd think at least some of them being educated, professional people, would have some idea of how this country is struggling and how private sector workers are not only paying their wages, but struggling to survive as well.

They have no benevolent employers who will come running to their rescue when the nasty stuff hits the fan.

They all jeer when the rich politicians say, 'We're all in this together', but they are just as guilty of ignoring their fellow countrymen.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Green light for sector strikes

THE spending power of people in Kent will be severely curtailed by Government policy.

Kent's rail commuters, who were hit by exceptional increases in fares in January, face above-inflation increases in future to pay for High Speed 2 and other rail investments.

The UK has the highest rail fares in the world, and Kent had the highest rail fare increases in the country in January. Couple this with rises in our already expensive bus fares, declining public sector jobs and pay, higher energy and food prices, and you have a recipe for a longer recession and more job losses in Kent.

Bear in mind that the immense deficit of the country after World War Two was followed by years of public sector led investment to build a better society and economy.

Kent Green Party supported the public sector strikes on June 30, as part of our challenge to the negative impact of the Coalition on our county, present and future.

Stuart Jeffery, chair of Kent Green Party

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TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC

Q MY father-in-law is 88. He has a job pension and the state pension, and pays tax through Pay As You Earn. Last November he received a letter from HM Revenue & Customs, advising he had overpaid tax for the previous two years and he was given a refund of about £1,000 for each year. I wrote on his behalf to HMRC to inquire about earlier years, as his circumstances had not changed, and the tax office has confirmed further refunds are due, but the inspector will only go back a maximum of six years. This seems unfair. At my father-in-law's age, checking tax figures are beyond him. As he has always paid tax through PAYE, I'd have thought that 'the system' has a duty to calculate his tax correctly. Is there a procedure for appealing the six-year limit?

A THE dice are not exactly loaded in favour of the ordinary taxpayer. If you hide some income from the taxman, there is no time limit on how many years he can go back in pursuit of his share, plus interest and penalties. But if the taxman makes a mistake and collects too much, he has at least a clear financial year to hand the money back without paying any interest at all. And after six years, he can legally close his books and offer no refund at all. As you say, it is quite unreasonable to expect the average 88-year-old to make sense of PAYE coding notices and decide whether to request a formal down-to-the-penny calculation after the year ends each April. On the other hand, it is perfectly reasonable to expect the tax office to get deductions more or less right. So, I wonder why your father-in-law's tax deductions went so spectacularly wrong. Did he fail to claim some allowance perhaps or did HMRC treat him as if he had some extra income that did not exist? Strictly, anything back beyond 2004-05 is now shut off. But if there has been significant maladministration by HMRC, your father-in-law could ask his MP to refer his claim to the Parliamentary Commissioner – the ombudsman who investigates complaints against government departments. The ombudsman cannot change the law, but if he finds serious mistakes by civil servants, he can award compensation.

Q I HAVE £30,000 in an Invest Direct account which is not earning much interest. Could you tell me anywhere better? I do not want to tie up my money for years as I may need it for bills or repairs to my home.

A NATIONWIDE'S Invest Direct account lets you have instant access to your savings, but interest is tiny, at just 0.2pc. The real question is this – do you need instant access to £30,000? If all you need is to be able to withdraw a modest sum quickly, but to have access to the rest in an emergency, then keep, say, £1,000 where it is, and move £29,000 to Nationwide's Mysave Online Plus account, which yields 3.05pc at the moment. You can make one withdrawal a year without penalties. Do this and you will be better off by more than £800 a year.

Q RECENTLY a £25 premium bond prize cheque arrived at my mother-in-law's house, but was addressed to an old aunt who died many years ago. On contacting National Savings, we were told the prize would be cancelled as the bondholder died more than a year ago. We were asked for details of the aunt's closest relative. I gave the details, but I also asked how many bonds were held, as the nearest relative is seriously ill and I would not want to bother his wife if only a small sum is involved. However, National Savings staff will not give me an answer.

A THE staff at National Savings are right. They can only deal with the deceased bondholder's executors or administrators, or if there was no will or formal intestacy, then the closest surviving relative. If, for example, they told you that the elderly aunt held £25,000 in bonds, this could cause a serious family upset as relatives disputed their claims. So the information is restricted. At a practical level, why not tell the surviving relative's wife to expect a letter from National Savings, and offer to deal with any form-filling if she wants this?

Q SOME time ago, you warned that money invested through the Post Office is held by the Bank of Ireland. Given the problems in Greece and other parts of the EU, is it still risky to save with the Bank of Ireland?

A THE Bank of Ireland has now set up an offshoot to hold British savings and has joined our compensation scheme that guarantees savings up to £85,000.

Q HAVE you heard anything about Brit Accident Claims Ltd? This is a company that is supposed to help people who are injured in accidents, but it is not replying to letters.

A BRIT Accident Claims was licensed by the Ministry of Justice as a claims management company, but its licence was cancelled this year. Shamefully, the ministry does not operate any sort of ombudsman or compensation scheme for customers of the firms it licenses, so if you paid up front, your money is probably lost.

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WARNING: Confused.com has called for the road signs warning of pothole

Call for signs to warn drivers of potholes

THE below-freezing temperatures of last winter may be lodged well away in our deepest memories.

But some of the results of the very cold weather remain on our roads in the form of thousands of potholes.

Potholes are more than a simple inconvenience. One piece of research claims pothole damage costs UK drivers on average £400 a year in vehicle damage and taxes needed to meet road repair costs.

It's also said that even if the right budgets were found, there is so much repair work to do that it would take at least 11 years to repair all of the UK's estimated two million potholes.

And nine out of 10 drivers don't feel adequately alerted to potholes on the road.

As a result, Confused.com has unveiled a warning sign for potholes and has launched a petition for its use on roads nationwide.

Mike Hoban, chief marketing officer at Confused, said: "Although repairing these roads is obviously the long-term solution, something needs to be done now.

"Currently the UK's road signs include warnings for wild horses, wild animals, cattle and even toads. But potholes aren't considered worthy enough?

"A pothole road sign is a vital step in preventing accidents and reducing insurance claims whilst road maintenance continues."

'Young people need to plan their pensions'

By Ed Foss
MyMoney 24 writer

THE current state pension system is a confusing "dog's breakfast" and a simplified set up in the long-term is needed to help encourage millions of young workers to save rather than spend.

With a well documented country-wide lack of pensions saving among young people threatening to turn into a crisis in future decades, efforts have been made for years to persuade more people to invest in private pensions.

Success has been limited for a host of reasons. But one of the key problems identified by financial experts is the sheer complexity of the current system, often exacerbated by political policy wrangling and a belief that the location of the goalposts will continually change.

And so making the state pension simpler could spur millions of younger people to save more towards their retirement, research for the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) has shown.

Approximately half of those aged between 18 and 34, which equates to more than six million people, would save more for their old age if they knew how much state pension they would get.

Younger people felt much more strongly than older age groups about a better state pension.

Joanne Segars, chief executive of the NAPF, said: "They're keen to take more control of their retirement, but they need a clearer state pension foundation on which they can build their own nest eggs.

"If they could see the state offer might not be enough they'd be more inclined to get their own savings sorted, partly to avoid working past an increasing retirement age.

"The current system is a dog's breakfast and makes it impossible for people to plan their future. Even pensions experts struggle to work out what they'll get, so what hope does Joe Public have? It can be a big ask to get someone in their 20s thinking 40 years ahead. The proposed reform of the system would be a huge improvement, but changes must stay in place over the long term.

"We have to get younger people switched on to their financial future. Starting a pension early can make a massive difference to the final size of a retirement pot. A clearer state pension will bring more young people into the habit of saving."

The Government is thinking of simplifying the system and introducing a more generous flat-rate pension guaranteeing the equivalent of £140 a week in today's money, although recent headlines have focused more on the state of women's pensions as retirement ages are set to increase to 66 for both genders by 2020.

Mike Morrison, Axa Wealth's head of pensions development, said: "A lot has been done to inform and educate the country on the importance of long-term savings, and there is evidence that the message is getting through.

"However, while stories on pensions are constantly in the media, successive governments have presided over increasing layers of legislation designed to simplify pensions but for the average consumer this has complicated matters further.

"To address this growing social problem there should be greater openness from all parties, including policy makers. The Government must consider how it can best speak plainly and clearly about what the state will provide, and what people will need to save on top of that if they are to have sufficient income in retirement, before it is too late to plan.

"A more generous and simplified state pension for all consumers is the only way to remove the uncertainty clearly felt by many and to create better transparency for people across the board."



INSIDE THIS WEEK

THE executive group of the Kent, Essex and East Sussex Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has recognised the potential economic black hole looming over east Kent by picking Pfizer's Sandwich site as its nominee for Enterprise Zone status. Should Government decide that it is a suitable and deserving candidate, the newly-named Discovery Park will be in line for the tax breaks and other business-building incentives that are so desperately needed to ensure thousands of positions – and the skilled workers who fill them – remain in the county.

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Summer sales slump may cause more store closures

By Simon Robinson
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HIGH streets across the country are at risk of becoming ghost towns as the forecast of flat summer sales pushes more retailers to the brink of bankruptcy.

Thorntons, Jane Norman, Habitat, Mothercare and TJ Hughes are among the big names to crumble in the past few days – all either calling in administrators or announcing store closures.

These failing firms, added to at-risk brands such as Comet and HMV, have more than 30 Kent branches between them and employ thousands of workers.

And economists are warning that more companies could be forced to consider closures as consumer spending is unlikely to rise in the coming months.

The slump in consumer confidence is thought to have been created by an across-the-board squeeze on disposable income, brought on by rising inflation and stagnant salaries, combined with the threat of a rise in energy bills.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) recorded a 2 per cent fall in retail sales last month – the first time in a year that sales have not grown. Retailers said they expected sales to also remain flat next month.



BADLY HIT: High Street retailers have been badly hit by low consumer confidence. More look set to call in administrators

CBI boss Judith McKenna said: "After a year of growth, high-street sales volumes fizzled out in June. Consumers are really feeling the pinch as disposable incomes continue to be squeezed by rising prices and weak earnings growth.

"The cost of living is increasing and petrol prices have risen particularly sharply. Shoppers are budgeting hard and cutting back on their discretionary spending, such as on clothes and big-ticket household goods.

"Household budgets are likely to remain tight over the coming months, with inflation edging higher as increases in domestic gas and electricity prices take effect."

British Retail Consortium economist Richard Lim said: "After the feel-good boost of April, which saw retailers benefiting from sunny weather and bank holidays, May was a return to reality. Consumers are overwhelmingly cautious about their personal finances and are reluctant to spend, particularly on big ticket items.

"Uncomfortably high levels of inflation and low wage growth continue to squeeze households' disposable income, while job security remains a key concern.

"While demand remains weak, retailers are also being hit by surging commodity prices, property and employment costs. Sales are being driven by promotions and special offers at the cost of profit margins. Consumers are postponing the purchase of non-essential items.

"A return to sunny weather through the summer may provide a lift to retail sales, but it will take more than the holiday season to fix the underlying problem of low consumer confidence."

MAINTENANCE

Council awards £45m contract

NATIONWIDE maintenance firm Enterprise has been handed a five-year highways contract by KCC.

The contract – worth £45 million a year – begins on Thursday, September 1, when the authority's existing deal with Ringway expires.

KCC highways boss Bryan Sweetland said: "This contract represents excellent value for money for Kent and will go a long way to improving the quality of Kent's roads.

"The new contract gives KCC increased control over cost and quality on the works that are carried out and will have a focus on 'local' service delivery. Enterprise will be expected to meet stretching performance targets, set by KCC.

"We are delighted to be working with another can-do organisation to make sure we keep Kent moving."

Enterprise chief executive Alan Peterson said: "We have a dedicated highways team and a strong track record of delivering these services to local authorities."



HEADLINER: Prince will play on Sunday

STOCK MARKET

Hop Farm Festival boss will float firm

HOP Farm Festival promoter Vince Power has unveiled plans to float a new venture on the stock market.

The entrepreneur hopes Music Venture's flotation on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) will raise £6.5 million.

The company will use the cash to buy out the remaining shares in both the Hop Farm Festival, which takes place at Paddock Wood this weekend, Benicassim in Spain and London's Feis Irish Festival.

It also plans to buy the rights to two new festivals in the South East – one classical and one pop.

Mr Power said this year's Hop Farm Festival, which will be brought to a close by Prince, will inject £15 million-£20 million into the local economy.

"It brings a huge amount of business to the area," he said. "The amount of money that flows in is incredible. I'd say it's worth £15m-£20m to the area's economy. Hotels will be packed, shops busy..."

FINANCE

Secret of success set to be shared

UNIVERSITY of Kent researchers have identified the secret to business success.

The Kent Business School (KBS) team spent four years working with more than 500 SMEs across the South East to determine the 10 top factors that separate financial prosperity from poverty.

KBS director Dr Mark Gilman said: "We found that, although company behaviour differs according to sector, there are some clear common characteristics that distinguish firms achieving patterns of longer-term sustainable growth from those that fail.

"The top 10 reasons for success ranged from a clear strategic focus, through to engaging employees and an openness to learn from others."

The findings have been translated into a new workshop tailored to business-owners and managers.

Taster sessions will take place in Canterbury, Chatham and Tonbridge from Tuesday to Thursday, July 12-14.

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TAX

E-traders to be targeted

SOLE traders and small companies are being urged to check their tax obligations ahead of a planned Revenue & Customs clampdown.

The warning was issued by accountants Baker Tilly in response to HMRC's latest tax evasion campaign.

The drive will focus on those who buy and sell items as a trade on the internet, along with individuals such as private tutors and coaches.

Baker Tilly tax investigations director Kevin Hall said: "There are many people who buy and sell small numbers of items on the internet who won't be affected by HMRC's latest campaign. It is important that those who are making a living out of the practice, and those who sell more than a few items a year, are fully aware of the tax implications and obligations they are subject to.

"The same applies to individuals earning a living as a tutor or a coach, whether this is their main career or to supplement another job – tax and NIC are often overlooked, and HMRC knows.

Baker Tilly has offices in Tunbridge Wells and Bromley.

INNOVATION

All Smiles with iPad car case

IPAD innovators Kevin and Lindsay Griffiths have created a clever cover that makes the hi-tech gadget car-friendly.

The Tunbridge Wells couple's SmileCase fits any headrest in any make of car and can be fitted in under 10 seconds.

Mr Griffiths said: "The inspiration for SmileCase came from our four-year-old daughter who, like any child, is not a fan of car journeys, especially long ones.

"So, armed with an iPad full of Peppa Pig shows, we set about creating a prototype that would fit easily to the headrest with no fuss while keeping the shiny Apple device free from sticky fingers and accidental drops to the floor. Within two minutes we knew we were on to something when silence reigned from the back seat of the car."

SmileCase features a removable and adjustable elastic strap, which fastens thanks to two large Velcro pads.

For more, visit www.smilecase.com

INTERNATIONAL

Airport soars up rankings

BIGGIN Hill has been listed as one of Europe's top 10 most popular business aviation airports.

The ranking was made by Blue Sky Aviation News after analysing the number of international flights originating from the airport into Europe.

Biggin Hill managing director Jenny Munro said: "This respected and recognised league table shows London Biggin Hill in its rightful place – among the 10 most convenient and valued executive airports in Europe.

"Our proximity to London and the full portfolio offered by the leading industry service-providers based here combine with choice, flexibility and a flawless service to achieve the right balance for the customer.

"This ensures Biggin Hill stays firmly on the map as the industry begins to show positive signs of recovery."

The airport's business aviation traffic has boomed in the last decade.

In 2002, the level of international arrivals as a percentage of the total was 31 per cent. That has now risen to almost 50 per cent.

Pfizer site put forward in Enterprise Zone bid

PFIZER'S unwanted Sandwich site has been put forward for Enterprise Zone consideration.

Members of the region's super-sized Kent, Essex and East Sussex Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) executive group made the decision to select the east Kent research and development base as its Enterprise Zone (EZ) candidate last Thursday. The deadline for applications was Thursday, June 30.

The Government will award EZ status – a title that brings tax breaks and other business incentives – to 10 sites across the UK in the coming weeks.

KCC leader Paul Carter said he was pleased east Kent's business needs were recognised.

"Discovery Park offers a unique opportunity for new pharmaceutical, clean-tech and hi-tech research and development companies to start up and grow," he said. "I am delighted the LEP executive group recognised its enormous potential in selecting it as the Enterprise submission for Kent, Essex and East Sussex.

"I believe the benefits to business of EZ status and the massive hi-tech potential of Discovery Park will combine perfectly to stimulate new business start-ups and urgently-needed new business growth and employment in the area."

Dover District Council leader Paul Watkins said: "These are important developments.

"The granting of EZ status would bring a major boost to businesses looking to locate in the area, and the announcement that around 350 jobs are being retained means the site is being kept open in a way that maintains a presence and helps to attract further opportunities to the location."

Federation of Small Businesses Kent and Medway chairman said EZ status could attract 100 new companies to the area, creating more than 2,500 jobs.

He said: "This is very good news – the economy in east Kent has high levels of unemployment and Thanet is one of the most deprived districts in the country, with high levels of unemployment coupled with a high dependency (33 per cent) on public-sector jobs."

The LEP chose Enterprise West Essex at Harlow as its second preference bid from a six-strong group of candidates that also included the commercial quarter at Ebbsfleet.

LEP interim chair George Kieffer said: "As the second biggest LEP in the country, the decision was made based on the best interests of our economy and our importance to UK plc.

"Given the quality of the proposals, we have two strong cases to put to the Government for supporting EZs in one of the most important economic areas of the country."



FUTURE? The Pfizer site is now set to battle to be one of 10 places vying to be named an Enterprise Zone

COMMENT

THIS is great news and it is now down to the Government and the Prime Minister to back this and come good on their rhetoric that they would do everything possible to help after the initial Pfizer closure announcement.

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MP takes a tour of The Base as he surveys Gateway potential

THAMES Gateway Minister Bob Neill spent an afternoon in north Kent assessing the ongoing regeneration of his patch.

The Bromley and Chislehurst MP met representatives from Crossrail and Lafarge at Northfleet Embankment before heading to The Base, a newly-completed business centre in Dartford.

Speaking after the tour, Mr Neill said: "It's clear from what I've seen that the Gateway continues to grow and deliver, and both the public and the private sectors are working hard to create the conditions for economic growth.

"The innovative redevelopment of Lafarge's cement works will play an important role in supporting the delivery of Crossrail and is a great example of how an old industrial site can be transformed.

"And with the promise of 75 new businesses moving into The Base in Dartford, I believe the Thames Gateway is well and truly open for business."

Crossrail and Lafarge have entered into an agreement to use part of the Northfleet Embankment site as a tunnelling logistics depot for handling excavated material, which will be transported by freight train from London and then transferred to ship for transport to regeneration sites.

When Crossrail leaves the site in 2016 there are plans for 500 homes, retail and office premises to be built.

Lafarge land and planning director David Simms said: "It was great to show the Minister how, through our partnership with Crossrail, we are continuing to make a positive contribution to the local economy and play our part in delivering a nationally-important piece of infrastructure."

At The Base, managed by business centre operator Basepoint, Mr Neill was told how the premises was created thanks to £7 million of Homes and Communities Agency cash.



ON TOUR: Bob Neill MP and Lafarge's David Simms

Sweet Sensation as pears are set to grow tastefully

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GROWING techniques developed in The Netherlands have been put into practice in the UK's first Sweet Sensation pear orchard.

The new seven-hectare East Malling orchard consists of almost19,000 Sweet Sensation trees and 4,000 Conference Pear trees, used as pollinators.

The precise ratio was fine-tuned in The Netherlands and trialled on the East Malling Group's farm. It has now been rolled out commercially in Kent thanks to a £250,000 investment split between the East Malling Trust (EMT) and Crayford-based fruit supplier AG Thames.

The first crop is expected to hit the shelves in autumn 2012.

EMT and AG Thames took on the Sweet Sensation project following the success of the AG Thames/Sainsbury's East Malling Concept Pear orchard, planted in March 2009.

Trust chairman Will Sibley said: "This investment shows that, by adopting forward-thinking techniques, there is now commercial confidence in growing pears in Britain.

"The reaction from the industry to the Concept Pear orchard has been very positive and the results from its first harvest have now led AG Thames and ourselves to invest in this much larger orchard with an exciting new variety."

AG Thames chairman Leon Aichen said: "As a business we are always looking at ways to understand and improve in what we do.

"This is another example of how we will now be able to fulfil another important step in the supply chain, from growing through to storage and distribution to our customers.

"An amount of Dutch-grown Sweet Sensation pears are currently sold into the UK during the season. However, we believe that the consumer and retail customer would rather buy UK-grown fruit in preference to imported."

Sweet Sensation pears are traditionally planted in The Netherlands and Belgium but have increasingly been cultivated elsewhere, with orchards now found in South Africa, Argentina, Italy and Spain.



A FINE PEAR: EMT chairman Will Sibley with AG Thames managing director Gary Linsell

Cross the seas for international opportunities

KENT companies are being encouraged to take their first steps into international trade by signing up to a new 2 Seas scheme.

The project will link firms from across the county with businesses in The Netherlands, France and Flanders.

Participants will be invited to attend workshops and seminars on various aspects of trade in these areas; there will also be individual meetings with an international trade adviser and they will be given the opportunity to go on trade missions to the partner countries.

A 2 Seas Trade spokesman said: "Research shows that companies which trade abroad grow more quickly and recover more easily after a recession. This project aims to support SMEs, particularly those within the 2 Seas area of east and west Flanders, south-west Netherlands and northern France that have not traded in this area before."

"The 2 Seas Trade project will give business the tools and support to open these essential trading links."

The scheme is aimed primarily at the business and professional services, environmental technology, creative industries, logistics, sustainable construction and food sectors.

The 2 Seas Trade project, which will run until 2013, has been part-financed by a £350,000 Interreg grant.

Visit www.2seatrade.eu for more information.

Partners reach out to the world

A MULTI-disciplined start-up partnership made up of a pool of Kent firms is providing overseas investors with a one-stop shop approach to launching in the UK.

The 20-strong group of businesses, based in Crowborough, Uckfield and Tunbridge Wells, began combining resources in May and has already made an international impression.

Founding partner Martin Ellis said: "We started the partnership in May to make it easier for overseas companies to start trading in the UK.

"We're already engaged in helping a US company bring its franchise business to northern Europe and we're talking to companies in Australia and Denmark who see the UK as an attractive place to trade.

"We're making it easier to start a UK business, and our member partners can already see that we're going to be busier as a result. In these tough market conditions, we seem to have already carved a niche for ourselves and are building a sales pipeline much sooner than we expected."

Larry Hardcastle, who built the partnership's website, said: "Inward investors to the UK first need to find lawyers, accountants, property specialists, recruiters, payroll and a whole suite of creative and support services before they can think about trading here.

"Combining our strengths certainly seems to be paying dividends and we can't find any other UK-based organisation with a similar profile.

"The fact we're all local means it's easy for us to work together. We meet every week to discuss our current projects and plan new ones – and modern technology means we can connect easily with the rest of the world.

"We're set up to bring the world a lot closer to our region and with that comes new businesses and jobs."



TOGETHER: The partnership combines a number of disciplines



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Charity's birthday gift for young people

Grant boost for cathedral trainees

KENT County Council has handed Canterbury Cathedral a £100,000 grant to invest in the education and training of the historic building's skilled craft apprentices.

The cathedral currently employs six apprentices learning the trades of carpentry, painting, and stonemasonry, and the KCC funding will go towards their continued education and training as well as help establish two new apprenticeships in horticulture and scaffolding due to start this month.

An apprenticeship will typically last four years plus a further 'improver year', and will result in work-based skills and a respected qualification.

Heather Newton, head of stonemasonry and conservation at the cathedral, said: "Investment in these timeless craft skills is essential to the success of the cathedral's multi-million pound conservation programme.

"We are tremendously grateful to the council for this investment in the long-term future of the county and its most iconic building.

"The money from KCC will help fund apprenticeships where young people recruited from the local area will be given the opportunity to learn a trade.

"They will be able to access the help and knowledge of our highly-skilled team of craftspeople and develop their own skills in a unique working environment."

In October, 2006, an urgent fundraising appeal was launched to raise £50 million over the following five years to save Canterbury Cathedral – the spiritual home of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Extensive and costly work was needed to conserve the cathedral's stonemasonry, stained-glass windows and lead roof. Major development projects were also required to take the building into the 21st century.

The £100,000 grant has been given to the Canterbury Gift charity, which supports conservation, education, music and craftsmanship at the cathedral.

KCC cabinet member for customer and communities, Cllr Mike Hill, said: "We are always keen to promote apprenticeships as a successful way into a career and a real benefit to local employers.

"This is an excellent opportunity to help fund young people into the world of work and at the same time support Canterbury Cathedral's exciting restoration efforts."

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MEDWAY Youth Trust celebrated its third birthday by launching a new strategy to help young people into education, employment and training.

The charity says the new plan – entitled Starting with the Ends – will bring a renewed focus to the aims set out when it was originally formed by Medway Council back in 2008.

Chairman Peter Martin announced the strategy at a party to mark the trust's third anniversary.

He said: "Our plan is titled Starting with the Ends and we have called it this because within Medway Youth Trust we understand that results change everything.

"Our planning and our focus will be continuously focused on the quality of life we are striving to achieve with and for our community.

"Improving people's life chances is our mission but it is also the basis for the question we will ask when we enter into partnerships, bid for contracts and funding, and develop new programmes."

Programmes and services currently delivered by Medway Youth Trust include Connexions, the Prince's Trust Team Programme, employment support and the new National Citizen Service.

It also delivers the Looked After Children Bursary Scheme, the Hidden Patterns data-mining service and Step4ward to Learning – a programme and qualification for young parents.

The charity says it has set four key directions as part of its new strategy, the first of which is to develop services and programmes which equip young people for learning, living and employability.

Secondly, it wants to work with and inspire families, groups, businesses and other organisations more, while being better at evaluating and describing what the charity does and the difference it is making to people's lives.

Finally, the trust says it wants to be financially secure, and known and respected for its professionalism, expertise and integrity.

Mr Martin said: "As a three-year-old charity, Medway Youth Trust of course cannot claim a sense of tradition or history as perhaps other charities can.

"However, our newness means we are also not stifled by a past. We have freshness, energy, an entrepreneurial approach and a wish to work collaboratively with others for the best outcomes for young people and our community.

"We are interested in what works and what improves the life chances of young people."

The birthday celebration was also attended by 17-year-olds Rosie Smith and Ben Rist, both of whom are members of the charity's youth forum.

Chief executive Graham Klewes said: "Quite simply we are not and do not intend to be just another young people's organisation; we believe we are a little bit different.

"With an active, vocal youth forum and two young trustees with equal place on our board, the continuous voice and influence of young people is loud, clear, influential, and most importantly listened to within the Youth Trust."

Mr Klewes also used the event to promote the charity's search for new people to join its trustee board and help it grow even further.

He added: "Of course there are real challenges ahead, and we mustn't forget that this is only the first of at least four years of reductions in public sector expenditure.

"However, we know we are providing high quality careers services for schools, we are engaging young people into programmes which increase their employability, we are successfully supporting young people and families to improve their life chances, we are commercially providing data-mining services, and we have a can-do approach which we and our partners know really works.

"To be able to say these things with confidence is really a great achievement for a charity which is only three years old.

"It has been and always will be a real team effort."



CELEBRATE: Members of the trust's youth forum gather to mark the charity's birthday.

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College drives ahead with bus campaign to attract new students

MIDKENT College has launched a new campaign to highlight the range of options available to young people.

The year-long venture was launched with the help of local bus company Arriva.

It will feature a number of rear bus advertisements and is focused on promoting apprenticeships, job skills and respect.

College marketing manager Adrian Mills said he hoped the campaign would help waylay some of the biggest concerns faced by young people today.

He added: "Youth unemployment figures remain uncomfortably high, and as a result many young people are worried they won't find work at the end of their school or college training.

"We are keen to reassure teenagers living in the local area that our courses focus on delivering skills that relate directly to their future employment. We also want to promote alternative routes into employment such as apprenticeships and advanced apprenticeships, as these programmes provide those aged between 16 and 25 with on-the-job training and the opportunity to earn a wage while they learn."

Principal Stephen Grix added: "While there can be no doubt these are uncertain times, a wide range of options are still available to young people and the vast majority of our students progress into higher education and employment."

UCA names successor to retiring head

THE University for the Creative Arts has announced the appointment of Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr as its new vice-chancellor.

Currently dean of Kingston University's faculty of art, design and architecture, Dr Ofield-Kerr succeeds the retiring UCA vice-chancellor Professor Elaine Thomas.

Announcing the appointment, Loyd Grossman – chairman of the board of governors – said: "Dr Ofield-Kerr has an outstanding record of achievement in creative arts education and we are delighted to appoint a leader of his calibre to succeed Prof Thomas.

"He has played a key role in the growing national and international profile of his faculty, generating academic and research successes and significant growth in student applications.

"We look forward to working with Dr Ofield-Kerr as UCA enters the next exciting stage in its development as an internationally renowned specialist university for the creative arts."

The University for the Creative Arts consists of five separate campuses including three in Kent at Rochester, Canterbury and Maidstone.

Dr Ofield-Kerr, who has a PhD in the history of art and visual culture, was one of the founding editors of the Journal of Visual Culture.

As dean at Kingston he is responsible for a faculty of six schools, 3,000 students and 250 academic, technical and administrative staff. The faculty's portfolio covers the disciplines of surveying and planning; architecture and landscape; communication design; 3D design; fine art; and art and design history



WELCOME: UCA vice-chancellor Dr Ofield-Kerr

Dr Ofield-Kerr, whose research interests include the histories of gender and social identity, said: "The success of any world-class creative arts institution is built on the achievements of its students and staff, ensuring they have the experience and environment they need in order to create extraordinary work.

"I look forward to working with staff and students to build on UCA's outstanding tradition of producing the high-quality graduates needed by this critical sector of the UK economy."

Painting and decorating students claim prizes in major competition

TWO painting and decorating apprentices from Kent have been named runners-up in the Dulux Decorator Centres' National Apprentice of the Year competition.

Michael Chalmers, 21, from Dover, and Aron Baker, 19, from Welling, competed against eight other talents at the grand final in Bridgend, Wales, at the end of last month.

The event saw the apprentices complete a practical work piece incorporating wallpapering, stencilling, waterborne glosses, and special effects, which were then each judged by leading industry experts.

Michael came second and won £500, and Aron came third and picked up a £250 prize.

Dulux spokesman Beverley Whitehead said: "This is the fourth year we have held the Apprentice of the Year competition, and the standard of the students this time round was exceptional.

"I want to congratulate both Michael and Aron on their awards and for all their hard work over the past few months in the build-up to the final.

"Both were strong contenders in the competition and showed great technical skill and creativity. We wish them the best for what we're sure will be a very successful future."

Michael and Aron are studying through K College and North West Kent College respectively.

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For an informal discussion about this role, please contact Ray Wilkinson, Engineering Services Manager, on 01233 330299.

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The chosen individual will be a good team player who will be dedicated to designing scale replicas of some of the most inspiring and exciting vehicles on the road, rail, sea or air.

Our ideal candidate should be educated to Degree level in a suitable design or engineering discipline, although we are happy to receive applications from individuals who have served an engineering/toolmaking apprenticeship who have the relevant product design experience required for the post.

If you believe that you fit the above specification and have Pro Engineer experience, please write giving details of current remuneration package, enclosing your covering letter and CV to:

Julie Jefferys
Hornby
Westwood, Margate, Kent CT9 4JX
julie.jefferys@hornby.com
Fax: 01843 233509
Closing date for applications Friday 15th July 2011

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As a skilled negotiator, you will ensure that calls lead to opportunities by building relationships to gain new business and retain existing clients, ensuring that sales are managed from contact to contract and beyond!

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TELESALES MANAGER x1 Ashford

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You will drive innovation and create an environment of fun but continuous improvement and development to grow revenues and exceed targets.

The perfect candidate will have a media background who can demonstrate experience of managing and developing a sales team, working to budgets and building a dynamic sales force. This is a new opportunity and we welcome applicants with the above experience to apply.

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In addition, you will also get involved with telephone marketing, advertising, research, administration and registering candidates. This role will rapidly develop into a consultant position and training will be provided.

We are looking for someone who has sales and administration experience, who wants a career in Recruitment and has the drive and dedication to get the job done, quickly but effectively. Candidates must be tenacious and organised! **Own transport is essential.**

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My client is looking for an experienced Field Sales Executive to sell across an impressive portfolio and you are expected to sell solutions both face to face and over the telephone ensuring targets, company expectations and most of all clients needs are met.

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With a teaching qualification and sound experience of working with post-16 students, you must bring the proven ability to teach people at various levels of ability. Your practical background should include both industrial and commercial installation, while strong IT skills and a good knowledge of environmental technologies are also important. In addition, you will have experience of designing relevant courses.

This role is predominately based at Ashford but may also require travel to all K College sites, in addition to events and meetings.

Should you wish to find out more about this role, applications packs are available online on the College website: www.kcollege.ac.uk

Alternatively you may apply by calling 01303 858373 (24 hour answer-phone) or emailing humanresources@kcollege.ac.uk

The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is 12 noon on Tuesday 12th July 2011. Please quote ref: T 1492.

K COLLEGE

Please return completed application forms to humanresources@kcollege.ac.uk or by post to:

**HR Department
K College
Shorncliffe Road
Folkestone
Kent CT20 2TZ**

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This College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our users and expects all staff to share this commitment, in order for all to achieve their full potential. The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check and to provide proof of their right to work in the UK.

THE SPENCER WING

The Spencer Wing is the independently owned and managed 22 bed private hospital situated on the QEQM Hospital site. We also have a 5 bed unit at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. The continuing growth of our business has resulted in vacancies for the following staff:

PART-TIME HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT (Margate)

Endoscopy Unit • 20 hours per week
Closing date for applications - 08 July 2011

Qualifications: Previous experience desirable but not essential as full training will be given

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:
Dennis Sutton - Endoscopy Manager on 07833 237868
or **Linda McCafferty - Endoscopy Nurse on 07786 173796**

For job description and application form please contact:
Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd
The Spencer Wing, QEQM Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4BG
Telephone: 01843 234556 Fax: 01843 296333
E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com

The Spencer Wing is an equal opportunity employer

This position is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure check

Vacancies at Stagecoach East Kent

Skilled PSV / HGV Shift Fitter (Dover & Folkestone depots)
Closing Date: Friday 15th July 2011

We have vacancies for permanent full time SKILLED SHIFT FITTERS at our Dover and Folkestone Depots.

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Working as a shift fitter you will be working a four-man rotating shift rota, five out of seven days on an early, day and late pattern between the hours of 0600 and 0030.

Applicants must have served a recognised apprenticeship as a fitter/mechanic and hold NVQ level 3 or equivalent qualifications in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance. Preference will be given to someone with PSV or HGV experience, especially on Volvo, Scania and MAN.

Possession of a full UK Driving license is required and holding a PCV License would be an advantage, however, training can be provided.

The rewards include:-
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For further information for either position contact:
Harry Reid, Engineering Manager
Stagecoach in East Kent, Menzies Road,
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The main skills required for this role are;
- An understanding of Facebook-centric OpenGraph & a passion for Facebook and APIs
- Strong knowledge of HTML (5 preferably) & CSS (3 preferably)
- Object-orientated PHP 5 skills and experience with a PHP framework
- Javascript and an understanding of AJAX technologies
- MySQL experience

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The Parish Council wishes to appoint a local, part-time, home-based

PARISH CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

A Job Description and Person Specification can be downloaded from the council's website at www.kentparishes.gov.uk or from the present Clerk, Andrew Forrest on 07950 204171 or andrewpforrest@btinternet.com.
To apply, send a CV and covering letter explaining how you meet the requirements of the post to the Clerk by Friday, 29th July 2011.
Interviews will be held on Saturday, 13th August 2011

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Mediation is a growth area so we are looking for a candidate who has good management skills and is people-focused, as well as being a good team player who can participate in reaching important decisions, to help AMS to move forward.

You will be required to attend four committee meetings a year, plus the AGM. Other limited attendance at meetings may be required from time to time. This is an unpaid appointment but normal expenses to meetings can be reimbursed. A working knowledge of mediation is not essential.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please send your CV with a covering letter to P.O.Box 482, Ashford, Kent TN23 9PY. The closing date for applications is **29th July 2011**.

If you would like to have an informal discussion with the outgoing Chair, please contact **Robert Gordon-James** on **01580 292439**.

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AMS ASHFORD MEDIATION SERVICE

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The ideal candidate will have a good knowledge of development, planning and construction processes and have a degree in a relevant related subject.

Good IT skills are essential as is a full driving licence.

We are looking for an organised person who can communicate effectively, plan and prioritise their own workload with minimal supervision and who can work proactively as part of our team.

Salary package negotiable depending on experience

Please apply in writing ONLY enclosing C.V. to:-
Mrs Kay Martin Pentland Homes Limited, The Estate Office, Etchinghill Golf, Etchinghill, Folkestone, Kent CT18 8FA

Closing date for applications **Friday 12th August 2011**

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Management Accountant

Full time • Closing date for applications - 15 July 2011

To effectively organise and lead the finance department by providing professional leadership in facilitating the delivery of a high quality service to the Board, Managers and customers. Qualified ACCA required

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Di Daw - 01843 234555

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The Spencer Wing, QEQM Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4BG
Telephone: 01843 234556 Fax: 01843 296333
E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com

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Sunray Engineering Ltd is based in Ashford, in Kent, Sunray has been designing and manufacturing high specification steel security doors to protect commercial and industrial premises throughout the UK for well over twenty five years.

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Workshop Operative

We have a vacancy for an enthusiastic, motivated and reliable individual to work within the team. The person ideally should have some sheet metal working experience and the ability to operate CNC machinery. Previous welding experience would also be an advantage. Computer literacy and the ability to read engineering drawings is required.

Hours of work:
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Friday 08.00am – 16.00pm

Please send your CV to damian.kerry@sunraydoors.co.uk

Business Development Manager

Currently seeking dynamic and organised sales professionals to develop and secure new business whilst generating sales opportunities in line with Company strategy. Industry experience / knowledge of the uPVC window and building materials sector is highly advantageous. Competitive Salary, Company Car, Laptop and Mobile Phone will be provided.

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We also have a range of volunteer roles available across all PTP services. Volunteers support our work as part of their social activities and many take up paid positions within our organization. We also welcome student placements of substantial duration.

For further information please contact Pavlo Kanellakis, IAPT Clinical Lead by emailing pkanellakis@kca.org.uk or Lynda Burr, Service Manager by emailing lburr@kca.org.uk

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk You can also email recruitment@kca.org.uk or call 01795 590795 and select option three. Please quote reference 773 in your application.

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You are responsible for carrying out 'Client Relationship Management' including visits for existing clients to ensure information of their insurance programmes is collated in a timely, technically accurate and cost effective manner.

In addition, you are required to seek new business whilst maintaining and expanding client accounts, to include additional covers and to produce leads for the new business sales team.

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HEAD OF RESIDENTIAL CARE
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37 plus 4 hours per week during school terms and senior on call duties required

Valence School requires an experienced manager to lead, develop and maintain the care and social development of residential students. We seek a professional who has excellent interpersonal and communication skills and is a clear and outcome-focused thinker with sound judgement, consistently working to very high standards. The successful candidate will have a social work degree or diploma, and/or Registered Manager qualification, with relevant experience working in a residential educational or care setting with children.

£30,220 to £35,724 plus on call payments. Final salary pension.

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Valence School is a supportive environment and a rewarding place to work. Every member of staff participates in enabling the students to learn and to aspire to achieve meaningful independence.

Valence School is committed to safeguarding and promoting every student's welfare. We expect all staff to share our commitment. The successful applicants will require an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check.

For further information and an application form, please contact the HR Department.

Please note the closing date for applications Friday 15 July 2011. Interviews will be held on Thursday 8 September 2011. Informal visits are welcomed.

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As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity

Closing date: Wednesday 13 July 2011

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The College is committed to safeguarding children and young people therefore any offer of employment will be subject to a CRB check.

MidKent College

Thanet College

RAISING ASPIRATIONS - DEVELOPING SKILLS - DELIVERING QUALITY

We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

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The college is looking to recruit a Head of Transition and Integration to be responsible for leading the Transition and Integration Division and the successful implementation of the College's foundation learning provision including 14-16 and alternative curriculum.

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(FIXED TERM UNTIL 31 JULY 2012)

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Job reference: HET001

Closing date for the above posts: **: 13 July 2011**

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MidKent College is passionate about student success. We are seeking to appoint outstanding individuals to teach at our new campus in Medway.

Head of Management Information Services ***Ref: MIS0***

£50k per annum
Medway Campus

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We are looking for an experienced manager, ideally with experience of FE, to lead the MIS and examinations services to deliver industry leading performance in these important areas.

Reporting to the Director of Finance, you will be responsible for ensuring that the College is fully versed on changes to local, regional and national funding, as well as curriculum developments.

You will lead on data management and funding optimisation across the College's major funding streams, ensuring that curriculum performance is effectively planned and monitored.

Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 8 July 2011.
Interviews are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 19 July 2011.

For an informal discussion or to arrange a visit to the College, please contact Ian Rule, Director of Finance on 01634 383167 or email ian.rule@midkent.ac.uk

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Previous employment within a school or social care setting is essential, with relevant leadership/management experience. A qualification at NVQ Level 3 or above is desirable, but not essential as training will be provided. You must be skilled in working with children and young people who present complex challenging behaviour and have a track record of proactive approaches to behaviour management.

Hours are on a split-shift basis: 7.30am - 10.30 am and 3.30pm - 10.30pm on the same day. There are 2 shifts on alternate weekends: 7.30am - 3.15pm and 2.45pm - 10.30pm.

Stone Bay School is committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure and verification of the right to work in the UK

Please telephone 01843 863421, write or e-mail for an application form and job description from the main school office. Applications to be received by 15th July 2011.

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Closing Date: Thursday 30th June 2011
Interviews: to be confirmed

This is an exciting opportunity to help lead and develop this new initiative which had its first student intake in September 2010. The motor vehicle centre which has just opened is state of the art with brand new equipment including 2 vehicle lifts, an ICT lab, wheel balancing and a workshop, a storeroom and a classroom.

The successful candidate will be an individual who has experience of teaching within this sector and who has a vision as to how Pent Valley Technology College can provide real life applied learning experiences for its students in the motor vehicle industry.

Good interpersonal skills are extremely important. This position is suitable for an energetic person who enjoys being with teenagers and can cope with a busy learning environment.

WORK RELATED LEARNING AND VOCATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
Hours: 17.5 hours a week, term-time only
Contract: Maternity Cover (01.09.11 - 31.05.12)
Salary: Kent Range 2 (£12,903 - £14,099 pro rata)
Closing Date: Thursday 30th June 2011
Interviews: Tuesday 5th July 2011

Your main responsibilities will be placing and monitoring of students who attend work placements. You will be required to work with existing employers as well as marketing for new work placements via telephone, letter and face to face contact. A good knowledge of Microsoft Office programmes is essential as you will maintain databases and correspond with work placements, parents, students and external agencies. You will also carry out any other administrative tasks to support the Work Related Learning department.

Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Contact: Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED.
Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk
Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218

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Commencing September 2011**

Stone Bay School is a residential school for children aged 11-19 years with autism and associated learning difficulties. It provides a friendly and supportive environment for both students and staff.

This role will involve some general office work (typing, filing, photocopying etc.) in addition to dealing with visitors, telephone calls and deliveries.

You should be of smart appearance, have an excellent telephone manner and good computer skills (we currently use MS Word 2010).

Stone Bay School is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of children and employees are required to have an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Please telephone 01843 863421, write or e-mail for an application form and job description from the main school office. Applications to be received by Wednesday 6th July 2011.

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Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk Website: www.thomasaveling.co.uk/jobs

Technician – Design Technology Department

Part Time - negotiable based upon 25 hours per week; preferably across 5 days/week; Term time only. Required to start September 2011

Some flexibility of actual working hours may be required

Salary: NJC Scale D2 point 12 – Point 21 pro-rata (presently £15,039 - £19,126 fte)

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Prospective candidates should be able to work with pace and diligence and be capable of working under pressure on their own initiative as required.

Please visit www.thomasaveling.co.uk for further details of the post and an application form.

Completed applications to be sent to Mr S Rayner, Finance & Business Manager to the school address or by e-mail to srayner@thomasaveling.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 13th July 2011

Short-listed candidates only will be contacted for interview which will take placeplace w/c 18th July 2011

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Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9SH
Tel 01892 521595 Fax: 01892 514424

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Term-time only
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£16,793-£18,471 pro rata

To work as school receptionist. Excellent inter-personal skills and a strong empathy with the School's values are essential. Sound ICT skills and willingness to undergo first aid training required.

Further details including how to apply available from the Bennett website www.bennett.kent.sch.uk - follow link to jobs.

Closing date: Wednesday 6 July 2011

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS

BARDEN
Andrew and Rebecca are delighted to annouce the arrival of their baby son Cameron John Barden. Cameron is a baby brother to Darcy.

BROADLEY
Evelyn May Broadley, born at 00.06 on Sunday, 15th May, weighing 7lb 8oz. Little sister to Anna, aged 3, and a second daughter for us, James and Rose Broadley of Canterbury.

CADBY
Trevor and Heidi of Sittingbourne celebrate the birth of their daughter, Chloe Louise on 26th May, 2011, a beautiful sister for Thomas.

GARNHAM
Luke and Kimberley of Faversham are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Harley William George Sparkes Garnham, on 13th June, 2011.

GAVIGAN
Faith Gavigan born on the 14th June, 2011, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Dan and Natasha of Folkestone.

GUNN
Vicki and Scott of Palm Bay are pleased to annouce the birth of their daughter Boe Rose Lisa, born on 4th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 11oz. A little sister for Rory.

HINES
Ben and Hannah Hines celebrate the birth of their son Archie Thomas Roy Hines, born on the 13th June, 2011.

JEFFREY
Darren and Marcela are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Nela Marcela Jeffrey, born on 8th June, 2011, weighing 6lb 2oz, at Darent Valley Hospital.

KNIGHT/WILES
Abbi-Rose Sheila Knight born on 11th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Kane and Chari in Maidstone.

MANWARING
Kelly and Leon celebrate the birth of Scarlett Amelia on the 8th June, 2011, weighing 10lb 1oz. Baby sister to Jacob.

McCLERNON/ POTAPINSKA
Steve and Marta celebrate the birth of their son Caiden Stanislaw McClern on, born on the 10th June, 2011, weighing 3.46kg.

McGINLEY
Kyle Frank born on 7th June, 2011, weighing 5lb 12.5oz. Son to Duncan and Jennifer in Margate.

MORRISEY
Phoenix Albert Jack Morrisey, born on 18th June, 2011, weighing 9lb 2oz. Beautiful son for Sam and Kelly Morrisey, and baby brother for Jake, Jamie, Kaila and Sam.

NIXON
Damian Roy born on the 8th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Amy and Mitchell. Mummy and Daddy's special little prince.

OSBORNE
Colette and Callum proudly announce the birth of their gorgeous daughter, Star Marie Agnes Callum Osborne. Star was born on 26th May, 2011. Your daddy will always be looking down on you Star and taking care of you. x

PHILBEY
Karen and Paul celebrate the birth of their daughter Lauren Louise Philbey on 9th June, 2011, weighing 9lb 2oz.

PREECE
Elyse Lily born on 15th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Scott and Hannah in Margate.

SAWYER
We are proud to announce the birth of Jameson Marin Sawyer, born on 8th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 9oz. Son to Jamie and Kremena Sawyer.

WHITE
Catriona Leigh and James White celebrate the birth of their son Joshua Anthony Maxwell White on 9th June, 2011, weighing 7lb 2oz, at Darent Valley Hospital.

DEATHS

LINNEY
Leonard Barrie, aged 86, of New Romney, passed away on 10th June, 2011, after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by his wife Yvonne, daughters Susan, Tricia and Yvonne, and all the family and friends.

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/TH/0262/2011 – Proposed development at Laleham Gap School, Northdown Park Road, Margate, Kent CT9 2TP

Laleham Gap School are applying to Kent County Council (as the County Planning Authority) for planning permission for the erection of new boundary fencing and gates which run along the Public Right of Way. The proposed development is adjacent to a Public Right of Way (TMX44).

You may view this application at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent CT9 1XZ or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

KCC/TW/0273/2011 – Proposed development at Paddock Wood WTW, Transfesa Road, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6UU

Southern Water Limited is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for construction of a new Ferric Dosing Kiosk, new Effluent Monitoring Kiosk and associated treatment process plant.

You may view this application at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2AB or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SW/0287/2011 – Proposed development at Rodmersham School, Rodmersham Green, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0PS

Kent County Council is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the renewal of temporary planning consent for a mobile classroom unit. The proposed development is on the boundary of the Rodmersham Conservation Area and may affect its character and/or appearance. The proposed development may also affect a public right of way.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

KCC/TM/0272/2011 – Proposed development at St Peters Church of England Primary School, Mount Pleasant, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BE

St Peters CE Primary School is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for extension to topaz class and installation of photo-voltaic panels to concealed roof of main hall. The development is within the Aylesford Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a listed building.

You may view this application at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

KCC/TW/0259/2011 - Proposed development at School Lodge, Cranbrook School, Waterloo Road, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3JD

The Governors of Cranbrook School are applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for proposed demolition of modern extension which forms part of the house masters accommodation and construction of a new house masters accommodation to the rear of School Lodge. The proposed development is within the Cranbrook Conservation Area and may affect its character and/or appearance, and also may affect the setting of a listed building.

You may view this application at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2AB or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 2 July 2011

Kent County Council

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PROW - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

BYWAYS OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC AE571, AE617, AT182, AT248, AW339, AW340, AW341 AND UNCLASSIFIED ROAD U11295 IN THE PARISHES OF ORLESTONE, SHADOXHURST, WAREHORNE AND WOODCHURCH.

(SEASONAL PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that The Kent County Council in exercise of all its powers under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicular access to Byways Open to All Traffic (herein after referred to as BOATs) AE571, AE617, AT182, AT248, AW339, AW340, AW341 and unclassified road U11295 in the parishes of Orlestone, Shadoxhurst, Warehorne and Woodchurch.

AE571 from its junction with Woodchurch Road heading generally north west for approximately 1050 metres to its junction with BOAT AW339 at the Shadoxhurst/ Warehorne Parish boundary.

AT248 from its junction with Coldblow (U11291) heading generally north east for a distance of approximately 980 metres to its junction with BOAT AW340 at the Woodchurch, Shadoxhurst Parish boundary.

AT182 from its junction with Shadoxhurst Road heading generally south east for a distance of approximately 531 metres to its junction with BOAT AW339 at grid reference TQ 979,364.

AW339 from its junction with BOAT AT182 at NGR TQ 979,364 heading generally south east for a distance of approximately 2156 metres to its junction with BOAT AE571 at the Shadoxhurst/ Warehorne Parish boundary, NGR TQ 976,357.

AE617 / AW340 from its junction with Woodchurch Road heading generally north, north west for a distance of 1210 metres to its junction with BOAT AW339, NGR TQ 968,362.

AW341 (Ducks Lane) from its junction with Duck Lane (U11293) heading generally south for a distance of 1030 metres to its junction with AW339 at NGR TQ 976,362.

Unclassified Road U11295 from its junction with Place Lane, heading generally east for a distance of approximately 1328 metres to its junction with Spot House Lane.

The prohibition will operate between the 1st October and 30th April inclusive, annually, for the purposes of preventing damage to the highway, preventing the use of the BOATs and unclassified road by traffic in a manner which is unsuitable given their character, to preserve the character of the BOATs and unclassified road and to preserve the amenity of the area through which they pass including a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a local nature reserve.

Exemptions will be provided in the Order to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission; for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the BOATs and unclassified road; for use by the emergency services and by any local authority or water authority. The exemptions will also extend to:

1. Owners or visitors of premises adjacent to or which are accessed via BOATs AE571, AE617 AT182, AT248, AW339, AW340, AW341 and unclassified road U11295
2. Horse drawn vehicles, motor / pedal cycles and quadricycles.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extent of the restriction may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX; Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate Javelin Way, Ashford TN24 8AD and at Ashford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

PROW - District of Shepway

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 25

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT FOLKESTONE

PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT RELATING TO LAND AT THE WARREN, EAST CLIFF, FOLKESTONE

The above named Agreement, made on 17 May 2011 under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, has been made by the Kent County Council. The effect of the Agreement is to add Public Footpath HF68 which commences on Wear Bay Road adjacent to the Bowling Green at NGR TR 2402 3681 (Point A) and runs in an easterly direction for 112 metres, southerly for 28 metres, easterly for 17 metres, thence north through north easterly for 427 metres descending to meet the flood defence apron at NGR TR 2429 3713 (Point B). The path has a width of 2.0 metres.

All distances approximate, all directions general.

A copy of the Public Path Creation Agreement and accompanying plan have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of the Kent County Council's Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies may also be purchased there.

Under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, there is no right of an objection and the Agreement has taken immediate effect.

For further information please contact
Laura Wilkins – 01622 221517

PROW - Borough of Swale

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR108 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF BOBBING

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR108 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF BOBBING)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1)
As Amended By The Road Traffic
(Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath ZR108 between Gemstone Court (NGR TQ 893 647) and the junction with Sonora Way (NGR TQ 892 648) from the 15th July 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along Jacinth Drive and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact:
Michael Ellis
Tel: 01303 814534 (ext 209)

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX

Dated: 3rd July 2011

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

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PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/10/2159/S - FORMER SYNGENTA WORKS, HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING, KENT - Erection of residential development with both outline and full details comprising: Outline up to 19 no. residential dwellings including means of access with all other matters reserved, the provision of a development platform, open space and landscaping on site 1. Full details for engineering operation including temporary access on site 1A. **Reason: 6, 9**

MA/11/0700/S - BOCKINGFORD COURT, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DN - Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0734/N - 8 - 10, THE SQUARE, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PQ - Change of use to 1no. residential dwelling. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0873/S - HASLEMERE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0RE - Erection of a rear extension and conversion of roof space to habitable accommodation, including installation of roof lights to north, south and east elevations and a velux cabrio balcony system to the west elevation. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0907/S - GML CONSTRUCTION LTD, ORCHARD HOUSE, WESTERHILL ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4DH - Installation of solar photovoltaic panels at ground level with plant/inverter housing, 2m fencing and associated parking area. **Reason: 9**

MA/11/0908/N - HAZLITT ARTS CENTRE , ROSE YARD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PL - Introduction of a plant room and associated equipment and staircases to the roof. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0912/N - HAZLITT ARTS CENTRE , ROSE YARD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PL - An application for listed building consent for the introduction of a plant room and associated equipment and staircases to the roof and installation of radiators in Exchange and Rehearsal Rooms (formerly the Corn Exchange). **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0941/S - 26, HALFPENNY CLOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9AJ - Variation of Condition 2 of MA/93/0891 (Erection of thirteen 4-bed houses, nineteen 3-bed detached and semi-detached houses and new access and estate road with garaging) to allow conversion of garage to habitable room. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/0959/N - 32, LENHAM ROAD, PLATTS HEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2NY - Construction of tiled pitched roof over garage replacing flat felted roof. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0993/N - 1, WILLINGTON COURT GARDENS, WILLINGTON STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8ES - Construction of a rear conservatory and repositioning of wc window to east elevation. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **17th July 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated: 3rd July 2011**

PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/01796/HOUSE **The Wagon Lodge Fairmans Lane, Brenchley**
- Single-storey rear infill extension (LB)

11/01502/OUT **Ambulance Station Doctor Hopes Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Outline (Appearance, landscaping and scale reserved): Demolition of the existing buildings and erection of 9 dwellings with associated access and parking (CA) (LB)

11/01700/LBC **Flat 1 North Wing Sissinghurst Castle, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst -**
Listed Building Consent - Change of use of Flat 1, North Range to provide office accommodation for National Trust staff and volunteers, and minor alterations to the building (LB)

11/01779/LBC **Hartridge Manor Oast Paley Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Demolition of storey height brickwork (spalling and in poor condition) to east (part) and west elevations of barn and rebuild in solid 215mm brick, laid to English bond in lime mortar. Rebuild dwarf brick wall to south elevation following removal of original wall due to structural failure. New wall to be built to same height as original, bricks to be laid to English bond in lime mortar (LB)

11/01790/LBC **Ashleigh The Hill, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Works to rear single flue chimney stack - maintenance and repair (LB)

11/01797/FUL **La Zia Maria Hughenden, Goudhurst**
- Extension of Time: Change of use from A3, A4 and A5 catering to residential (TW/07/03743/FUL refers) (LB) (CA)

11/01785/LBC **18 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - Replace existing rendered brick on main entrance porch with natural stone and detailing to match existing house (LB)

11/01740/FULMJ **Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Pembury Hospital, Pembury**
- Variation of Condition (29) of TW/07/02595 (Redevelopment of the existing Pembury Hospital for 512 bed, approx 65,500msq district general hospital, 984 car parking spaces, improvements to the public highway, new site access, servicing, landscaping and associated works/plant equipment) – Bus service provision (MAJOR) (LB)

11/01701/LBC **Holden Coach House Holden Road, Southborough North**
- Listed Building Consent: Single-storey side extension to form study/bedroom 3 (LB)

11/01771/REM **Hollonds Farm Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Reserved Matters: All matters reserved - detached dwelling and garage (CA) (LB)

11/01776/FUL **Hollonds Farm Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Demolish garage block. Construct 3 bedroom dwelling and open car port (CA) (LB)

11/01777/LBC **Hollonds Farm Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Demolish garage block. Construct 3 bedroom dwelling and open car port (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the fle and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 02 July 2011

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

FRENSHAM ROAD, ROLVENDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Frensham Road, Rolvenden, on or after 4 July 2011 for up to 7 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the property named Layneside.

The alternative route is via Maytham Road and Winser Road.

GOODCHEAP LANE, HINXHILL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Goodcheap Lane, Hinxhill, on or after 4 July 2011 for up to 15 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Blackwall Road, Blackwall, Naccolt Road and Hinxhill Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

BEST LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide new utility services to Beaney Institute, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Best Lane, Canterbury, on or after 4 July 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed opposite no.10 and the main car park entrance.

The alternative route is via St Peter's Street and The Friars.

Vehicle access to Orange Street Car Park will be via Orange Street.

A further 3-day closure will be needed in September 2011, with the dates to be advised nearer the time.

HARWICH STREET, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of crane lifts and a new waste water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Harwich Street, Whitstable, on or after 18 July 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The initial closure is planned for Monday 18 July 2011 for 1 day, as signposted on site.

The next planned closure is Tuesday 16 August 2011 for 1 day, as signposted.

A further closure is scheduled from 23 August 2011 for 2 weeks for a crane lift followed by a new wastewater connection.

The road will be closed outside number 19A. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Vale Road and Kent Street.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, Forge Lane (westbound only) Saddleton Road, Grimshill Road and Harwich Street.

STOUR STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace a drainage gully, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stour Street, Canterbury, on or after 5 July 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Rosemary Lane and Hospital Lane.

The alternative route is via Rosemary Lane, Castle Street, Pin Hill, Rhodaus Town, Watling Street and Beer Cart Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

MISKIN ROAD AND SUMMERHILL ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, Dartford as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 4th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last a total of 7 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

Schedule 1

Road Name:	Miskin Road, Dartford
Extent:	Entire length (physical road closure between Baker Crescent and Summerhill Road)
Diversion:	Northbound - Summerhill Road, Highfield Road, West Hill and Shepherds Lane.
	Southbound - Shepherds Lane, West Hill, Highfield Road, Westgate Road, Home Gardens, Overy Liberty, Market Street, Lowfield Street, Instone Road, Highfield Road and Summerhill Road
Road Name:	Summerhill Road, Dartford
Extent:	Between Trinity Gardens and Highfield Road (one way section)
Diversion:	Summerhill Road and Highfield Road

Please note these closures will not be in place at the same time.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of a gas main.

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VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads, Dartford as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 18th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 12 months; the event is planned to take place 24th July 2011 and last 1 day between 08.30 – 11.30. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

Schedule 1

Road Name:	Parsonage Lane, Darenth
Extent:	Entire Length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Darenth Hill, Darenth
Extent:	Between Parsonagle Lane and Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Roman Villa Road, Darenth
Extent:	Entire Length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Shrubbery Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Entire Length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	East Hill, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Between Shrubbery Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Skinny Lane, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Entire Length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Rabbits Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Entire Length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Canada Farm Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Between Rabbits Road and Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Gills Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Entire Length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	St Margarets Road, Darenth
Extent:	At its junction with Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Dartford Half Marathon.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

SINGLEDGE LANE, WHITFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of aerial cable repairs and tree cutting, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Singledge Lane, Whitfield, on or after 5 July 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Church Road / Coldred Road and Nursery Lane.

The alternative route is via Coldred Road, The Street, Kennel Hill, Sandwich Road and Nursery Lane.

The closure is between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

VARIOUS ROADS, EASTRY & WOODNESBOROUGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Eastry & Woodnesborough, on or after 4 July 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

STATENBOROUGH LANE, EASTRY will be closed between Poison Cross and Sandwich Road, from 4 July 2011 for up to 3 days.

The alternative route is via Woodnesborough Lane and Sandwich Road.

SELSON LANE, WOODNESBOROUGH will be closed between Hammill Road and Denne Court Cottages, from 6 July 2011 for 3 days.

The alternative route is via Hammill Road, Drainless Road, Foxborough Hill and Gore Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

THE STREET, COBHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on The Street, Cobham between Sole Street and Battle Street.

The Order will become effective on 18th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 23rd July 2011 and last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Jeskyns Road, Henhurst Road, Valley Drive, Marlings Way, Vigilant Way, Thong Lane and Halfpence Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new electrical supply.

VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (ONE WAY AND TURNING RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, Gravesend as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 4th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 8 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

Schedule 1

Restriction:	One-way operation in a northerly direction only
Road Name:	Sun Lane, Gravesend
Extent:	Between Portland Avenue and Echo Square
Diversion:	Whitehill Road, Sharland Road and Sun Lane
Restriction:	One-way operation in a southerly direction only
Road Name:	Whitehill Road, Gravesend
Extent:	Between Echo Square and Laurel Avenue
Diversion:	Whitehill Road, Sharland Road and Sun Lane
Restriction:	Short-term Temporary Road Closures
Road Name:	Whitehill Road Gravesend
Extent:	Between Echo Square and St Marys Close
Diversion:	Old Road East, Devonshire Road, Central Avenue, Portland Avenue, Sun Lane and Sharland Road
Restriction:	Temporary Road Closure
Road Name:	Cross Lane East, Gravesend
Extent:	From Echo Square to a point 35m to the west
Diversion:	Devonshire Road and Old Road East
Restriction:	No Right/Left Turn
Road Name 1:	No Right Turn from St Marys Close. Gravesend
Road Name 2:	No Right Turn from Coombe Road, Gravesend
Road Name 3:	No Left Turn from Canterbury Road, Gravesend

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate traffic management arrangements for the Echo Square, Gravesend Road Safety and Environmental Improvements Scheme.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

A233 BEGGARS LANE, WESTERHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on A233 Beggars Lane, Westerham between A25 Westerham Road and London Road.

The Order will become effective on 4th July 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to commence 9th July 2011 and last for 2 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: A25 High Street Westerham and London Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway resurfacing.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS

BOTSOM LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Botsom Lane, West Kingsdown for its entire length (physical road closure will be between properties Paladin and Rosine).

The Order will become effective on 18th July 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 1 day.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Maplescombe Lane, Donkey Lane, A20 Main Road/Gorse Hill and A20 London Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate tree felling.

CARTERS HILL (MILL LANE), SEAL
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Carters Hill (Mill Lane), Seal outside property called Tumbling Bay.

The Order will become effective on 4th July 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 5 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Underriver House Road and Carters Hill

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new electric supply.

PARL LANE, SEAL
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Park Lane, Seal between Grove Road and Bitchet Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 18th July 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 4 months.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Grove Road, Hall Lane, Stone Street Road, Bitchet Green Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of 1554M of water pipe.

WATERY LANE AND HONEYPOT LANE, SEVENOAKS
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Watery Lane, Sevenoaks between the Railway Bridge and its junction with Honeypot Lane. The Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular eastbound traffic on Honeypot Lane, Kemsing Noah's Ark to Watery Lane.

The Order will become effective on 18th July 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 6 weeks.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Clockwise - Honeypot Lane, Noahs Ark, St Edith's Road, High Street, Heaverham Road and Watery Lane.

Anti-Clockwise - Watery Lane, Heaverham Road, High Street, West End and Childsbridge Lane

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate repair to Railway Bridge

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

SUSSEX ROAD, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sussex Road, Folkestone, on or after 4 July 2011 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Foord Road North.

The alternative route is via Foord Road North, Sussex Road and Bradstone Avenue.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

MONKSHILL ROAD, HERNHILL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow the safe replacement of an electricity pole, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Monkshill Road, Hernhill, on or after 4 July 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Graveney Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via Seasalter Road, Head Hill Road, A299 Thanet Way and High Street Road.

The planned work times are between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours. It is hoped the works can be completed in 1 day.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

CHARLOTTE STREET, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of excavations for a new electricity supply to repair a fault, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Charlotte Street, Broadstairs, on or after 18 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between junctions with High Street and John Street.

The alternative route is via B2052 High Street, A255 Queen's Road, York Avenue, Oscar Road, Victoria Parade and John Street.

A255 ST PETER'S ROAD / THE BROADWAY,
BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A255 St Peter's Road / The Broadway, Broadstairs, on or after 6 July 2011 for up to 2 evenings or until the works have been completed.

It is planned that these works will be carried out between 7.00 pm and 11.00 pm each evening, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Edge End Road and St Peter's Park Road.

The alternative route is via A255 Broadstairs Road, Fairfield Road, Bromstone Road, A255 Ramsgate Road, Gladstone Road, Seafield Road, Osbourne Road and The Broadway.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A26 QUARRY HILL ROAD VIADUCT (NORTHBOUND),
TONBRIDGE) (18 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION)

TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic in excess of 18 tonnes should be prohibited on the A26 Quarry Hill Viaduct (Northbound) on or after Monday 4th July 2011 when required for a period of up to 18 months or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via the A21 London bound, U turn at Morley's Interchange, A21 Hastings bound, second exit at Vauxhall Roundabout, A2014 Pembury Road.

Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald for the Highways Agency apologise for any inconvenience caused by this prohibition that has become necessary following a structural investigation of the viaduct. For further information or comment please call Parameshwar Jagalur on 0203 4332000.

HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Tunbridge Wells & Dartford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VALE ROAD, STATION APPROACH, TUNBRIDGE WELLS &
BOB DUNN WAY, DARTFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
(SUSPENSION OF 24 HOUR NO PARKING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by southbound traffic on Vale Road after 20:00hrs and to suspend the 24 hour no parking on Station Approach on or Thursday 21st July 2011 when required for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are completed and traffic will be prohibited on Bob Dunn Way from Burnham Road to Marsh Street on or after Friday 5th August 2011 between 21:00hrs and 05:00hrs for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Vale Road is via High Street, A26 London Road and For Bob Dunn Way via Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Hythe Street, Home Gardens, A226 East Hill/The Brent/London Road, Cotton Lane.

The Film Office, Kent County Council apologise for any inconvenience caused which is due to filming taking place. Should you require any further information, the contact is Gabrielle Lindemann on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(B2063 GROVE HILL ROAD & MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC & WAITING ORDER)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Grove Hill Road, from Grove Hill Gardens to Mount Pleasant Road on or after Sunday 24th July 2011 when required for a period of up to 6 weeks. There will be 24hr no parking between Grove Hill Gardens and Sutherland Road enforced for the duration of this order. Traffic will also be prohibited on Mount Pleasant Road at the roundabout, junction with Vale Road and Grove Hill Road on or after Sunday 24th July 2011 for 5 weeks (Sunday working only) or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Vale Road, A26 London Road, A264 Church Road/Crescent Road/Calverley Road, B2063 Prospect Road/Grove Hill Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for carriageway reconditioning, resurfacing and drainage works. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tony Carreck on 08458 247 800.

Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
Invicta House
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ME14 1XQ

Dated 2nd July 2011

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by **Mr K Dodge** of **Ringfield, Main Road, Knockholt** to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address

Giles Adey, Head of Registration,
Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by **Mr P Gibbs** of **The Dragon House, The Street, Smarden** to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Jackdaw, The Street, Denton**

Applicant: **Eric Gaskell**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Brolly good time

Seaside shuffle and all that jazz

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THE INTERVIEW

Jem Finer






Jem's still creating art

JEM Finer is a man of many interests: sculptor, composer, computer expert, film-maker and a founder member of The Pogues.

His latest exhibition Still – at Stour Valley Art's new gallery in Ashford – returns to his fascination with King's Wood, near Challock, *writes Ed Hill*.

In 2006 he created the sculpture Score For A Hole In The Ground in the woods, which amplifies tiny sounds of dripping rainwater as it passes through a metal grid. The water creates a continuous melody of natural music as it lands on metal cymbals underground. This is amplified by a large horn rising out of the earth.

While Finer worked on the piece, inspiration soon came for his latest work.

He said: "I had been in the woods for so long and became interested in all the tiny changes that I witnessed from day to day.

"Once I had made Score For A Hole In The Ground, I thought I would like to make a time-lapse film of the changes over a year or two.

"I thought it would make sense to do that with the sculpture in the photo because it would also show how the forest grew back around it and how it became part of the forest."

Finer placed a digital camera in a tree and set it to take pictures at intervals.

He said: "The timing varied. Depending on when I knew I could next come back, I would set the timer to that length. If I could come back the next day, it might be three-minute intervals. If I could not get back for a month, then it might be 15 minutes."

Originally the artist intended to make a continuous film, but as he began to organise the photos his approach changed.

"After a few months looking at all the images that had been taken, I started to realise the stills were much more fascinating because there was so much variety," he said.

"Just by looking at one thing in detail over a long period of time, you see so much happen."

By the end of the process, Finer had more than 18,000 images that had to be reduced to 2,000 for the final piece.

He said: "The variety in the photos was extraordinary, especially the light, which constantly surprised me. I made a huge grid of the pictures, ordering them in seasons and time of day. I thought I would be able to choose a simple progression through them, but the problem became that any path you took meant you would reject images too good to lose.

"Then I decided not to make a traditional film but to treat the photos as a database and write a programme that would constantly configure the images in different orders. It would throw up unpredictable juxtapositions and create variety in terms of the narrative."

Finer slowly cross-faded the pictures and decided to abandon his soundtrack to accompany them. The artist says that although the piece has no sound, it still has a soundtrack of what is happening in the moment.

Music plays a big part in Finer's work. Longplayer is a computer-generated composition designed to last 1,000 years; placed in the Millennium Dome, it can be heard online.

Now as well known for his art as being in The Pogues, Finer says one is just a continuation of the other: "The world of being in a band and making art are compatible – they all come from the same place. The Pogues originally was a concept. We took old traditional songs and played them in a new way like punk.

"It starts to expand and all sorts of other things happen. That is the same process that I apply to everything. They are, of course, very different but I don't see them as separate. It's just another piece of work and I have never felt bound by any medium."

■ **See www.stourvalleyarts.org.uk**



NEW LEAF: Jem Finer's latest creation focuses on the ever-changing scene around his previous piece, Score For A Hole In The Ground, in King's Wood, near Challock

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What better way to pass a lazy day than being rowed down the river through the centre of the city and getting a very different look at its hundreds of years of architectural heritage?

Or walk in some of the beautiful gardens by the river or along the city walls, where splendid views take in the city and surroundings.

Many of the pubs and restaurants have outside seating, perfect for enjoyment of the outdoors while enjoying a meal.

The city is also home to Kent County Cricket Club, and the St Lawrence Ground sees much of the top-class action across the county circuit – alongside the occasional international match.

Music is always a feature of the town's pubs and other venues, with summer festivals now a major draw. Later this year there will also be a celebration of the best of the culinary arts to complement the exciting range of restaurants dotted throughout the streets.

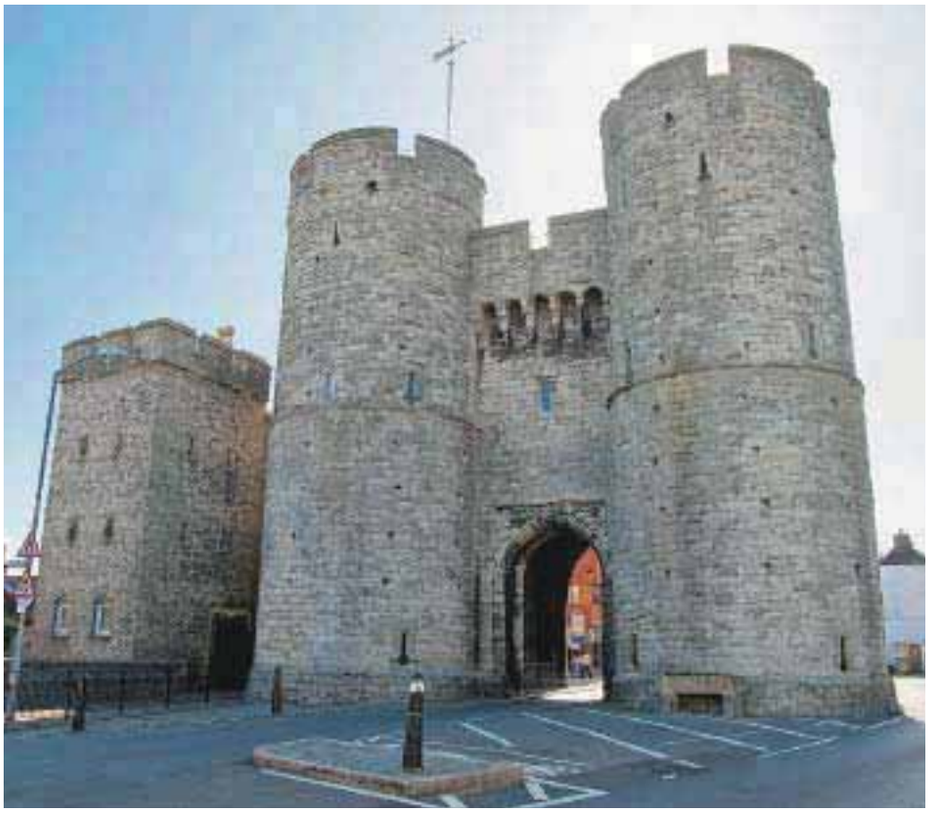
One of the major attractions for those wishing to live in Canterbury is its colourful and diverse history. The city was named Durovernum Cantiacorum by the Roman conquerors in the 1st century AD. After it became the chief Jutish settlement, it gained its English name Canterbury, itself derived from the Old English Cantwareburh or "Kent people's stronghold".

After the Kingdom of Kent's conversion to Christianity in 597, St Augustine founded a church in the city and became the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

Thomas Becket's murder at the cathedral in 1170 led to the cathedral becoming a place of pilgrimage for Christians worldwide. This provided the theme for Geoffery Chaucer's 14th-century literary classic The Canterbury Tales – which is now celebrated with a visitor attraction that brings the stories to life.

The literary heritage continued with the birth of the playwright Christopher Marlowe in the city in the 16th century; he gives his name to the theatre, which is set to reopen later this year after extensive renovation.

So for a combination of the best of tradition and top contemporary attractions, Canterbury really can't be beaten.



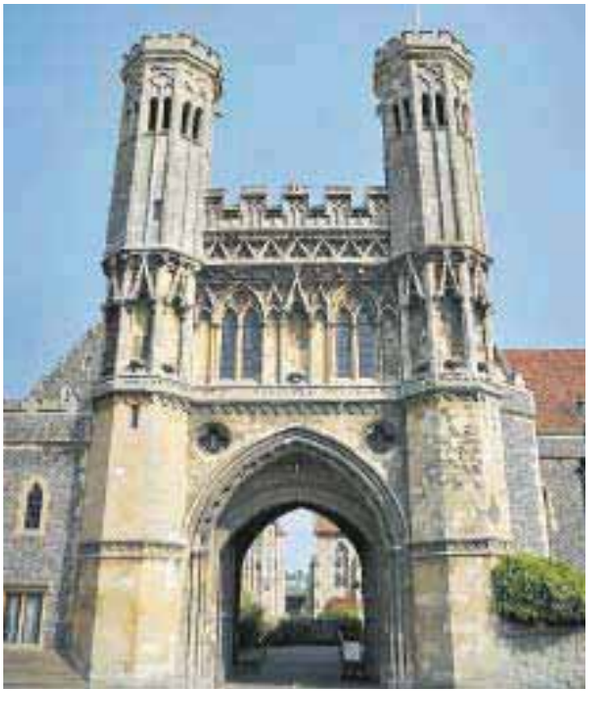








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TALKING **POINT**

Community hospitals



DIAGNOSIS: While Kent's community hospitals are much loved by local residents, they may not be the best way to provide health care in the future

Campaigners fear the future is bleak for community hospitals. Health care is being provided in new ways, and the NHS has to keep up payments on multi-million pound PFI contracts. Reporter JENNA PUDELEK looks at whether these local hospitals can survive

PFI COSTS THREAT TO COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

COMMUNITY hospitals are much-loved by the people they serve, but concerns have been raised about their future. Health campaigners believe they have become "easy targets" for cuts and service changes.

The friends groups, which support community hospitals through fundraising, feel left in the dark about changes due to a lack of consultation.

At Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital, consultant outpatient clinics in surgery, medicine, gynaecology and paediatrics were under threat of being transferred to the new hospital at Pembury.

However, Maidstone and Tunbridge NHS Trust (MTW) has recently backtracked on the decision.

Jo Naismith, chair of Edenbridge's league of friends, cautiously welcomed the move, saying: "We are really pleased they have listened to the concerns of the consultants, GPs and patients.

In north Kent, residents have seen the minor injuries unit (MIU) at Sheppey Hospital forced to close-down on several occasions due to staff shortages.

John Ashelford, a governor of the Kent Local Involvement Network (LINk), the county's health watchdog, and former chief executive of Hospice in the Weald, said: "Too many decisions are being made without consultation with patient representative groups by NHS managers who are under tremendous pressure to make short-term cost savings and who are unlikely to stay in their job long enough to see and be accountable for the consequences of their actions.

"The stress placed on staff affected by changes does little to improve morale or sickness absence."

There are also concerns at Tonbridge Cottage Hospital, which has recently lost 12 of its beds make way for a new stroke rehabilitation unit. Although these will be provided at Edenbridge and Sevenoaks hospitals members want to see them returned to the Vauxhall Lane site so they are closer to local people's homes.

David Goodridge, chairman of the hospital's league of friends, said: "We have been supportive of a stroke rehabilitation unit moving to the hospital, but are critical that it seems to have been an afterthought by the MTW, which has lead to little thought on the consequences.

"This was made worse by the lack of consultation which would have highlighted the issues which needed to be thought about. While the organisational changes in the NHS have compounded matters.

"The new Kent Community Health NHS Trust needs to urgently reassure communities of the value of community hospitals and show its commitment to them by its actions."

Mark Shepherd, the community trust's interim director of operations in west Kent, sought to put the changes to community hospitals into context.

He said: "The Government has been saying broadly the same as the last, which is less provided in acute hospitals and more in the community and primary care. GPs and community teams are going to have to do more to keep people closer to home.

"If you look at things like having your appendix out, if it was 10 years ago you would probably be in for five days. But now from A&E you go straight to threatre, out to recover and you are discharged in 24 hours and are at home with the community nurse coming to check on you.

"This completely by-passes community hospitals, stitches can be done at home and if was nasty IV antibiotics can be provided at home."

He used hip replacements as another example of procedures that have seen vastly reduced hospital stays. Technology is also helping patients stay at home. Mr Shepherd used the examples of tele-medicine and tele-care – including pieces of kit that allow community health teams to monitor people's blood pressure remotely and remind people to take their medication.

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>
> **MARK SHEPHERD,** OF THE KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS TRUST

Patients' movements are even monitored remotely so professionals know if confused, elderly patients leave their homes when they should not and if they stop moving, perhaps due to a fall.

"We are using resources in a different way and using less acute beds," he said. "Nationally, we need to lose some hospitals somewhere as we do not need as many because we are able to do more in a community setting."

This sentiment is something Mr Ashelford agrees with. He said: "In his foreword to the programme Our health, Our Care, Our Say (2006) Lord Warner said 'over the last 30 years the NHS has often regarded the community hospitals to be a luxury that couldn't be afforded'.

"It is questionable that what has happened in the past has not changed and with the financial pressures on the NHS, community hospitals could be facing a difficult time.

"But I believe the development of community hospitals is the best and affordable way to meet the needs of an ageing population and to enable people to remain longer in their homes despite having progressive health issues.

"Patients would also benefit from maintaining their close association with their local GPs. and their community. This could then be balanced with the provision of more specialist hospitals similar to ones such as Moorfields (eyes), Royal Marsden (cancer), and Harefield (heart and lung). It may well mean that failing general hospitals will be vulnerable to change or closure, but that is the only way we will be able to have a viable and affordable health service."

Asked what the future held for community hospitals, Mr Shepherd said: "One of our strategies is to make community hospitals sub-acute units because we do not need to do everything in acute hospital beds. There are some things that require patients to stay overnight but they do not need the same level of equipment. It is a process of trying to negotiate what will come out. The Tonbridge stroke unit does not need to be in an actute hospital for example."

Mr Ashelford added: "I'm concerned the costs of running acute hospitals built using funds raised through PFI will become an intolerable burden on financial resources and add further pressure on an already over stretched NHS.

"This could lead to the decision making being geared to balancing the finances of the PFI contracts whilst other services at community hospitals are cut or left to struggle to receive funding."

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WHAT'S FOR DINNER?: A room at the museum has been used to recreate a Roman kitchen

Gateway to trade, and our barrier to invaders

Nick Ames
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INVADERS and Settlers is the name of a new exhibition which has opened at Dover Museum showing the rich diversity of the local culture and charting thousands of years of social history.

It looks at the town and surroundings in peace and war – focusing on its ability to be a gateway to those wishing to come into the country to trade or live, and as a barrier for those with conquest on their minds.

The exhibition was put together with the following ideas from its organisers in mind: "The English Channel is today seen as a frontier, a barrier and a defence. It has not always been so.

"The Channel has been much more than this – a route-way for welcome and unwelcome settlement, a defensive moat, a route-way for British Continental ambition, a peaceful sea, a means of communication, a trade route and a source of income."

"The theme is one that we are continuing to study throughout the museum," said curator Jon Iverson.

"We are looking at how the Channel is a means for travel, providing cross-Channel links for both good and bad.

"Good in the way of settlement and bad in the way of invasion.

"When people look at Dover they always think of the war but there is far more to the history and the culture of the town than just that."

The exhibition features artefacts, eye-catching artwork and life-size room settings, which help to bring the area's incredible history to life, and looks at the range of new cultures, skills, knowledge, language, religion and trade that have been brought to the area.

Dover has seen some of the most important cross-cultural fusion between Britain and the Continent due to its unique proximity to foreign shores and many centuries of use as a port.

The displays span thousands of years, from the first settlers after the creation of the English Channel around 425,000 years ago, to the the Roman and Saxon invasions

They move on to the Huguenot and Jewish refugees fleeing persecution on the Continent, and British migrants searching for work in the Kent coal mines as the industry flourished during the 20th century.

The exhibition takes visitors back to times well before recorded history.

Mr Iverson said: "In prehistoric times Dover was at the forefont of trading with the Continent.

"Cultural differences with the rest of Britain have come to light when you look at the settlements further inland.

"Likewise cultural aspects taken from these islands can be seen to have taken route across the water.

"A good example is the square homes which were the most common dwelling in many parts of Europe during the Bronze Age. These contrasted with the conical homes of Britain.

"But archeologists have found the reamins of conical style huts on the shores closest to us. Likewaise broaches dating from Saxon times uncovered in this part of Kent emulate those discovered across the Channel."

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57YR old lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359685**

YOUNG 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks tall, honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669**

SALLY petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665**

30YR old brunette fit, feminine, attractive, free, single and looking for love with similar fun loving guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075**

36YR old female looking for mutual companionship with understanding man stuck in a similar rut. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331**

64YR old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581**

WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360477**

ELIZABETH loving, kind, caring, seeks older gent, 78 plus for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366603**

VERY cute, slim, black professional female, 36, looking for love! If you are honest, passionate, caring and spontaneous, ring me. Any race. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366725**

GREEN eyed blonde in need of love and attention seeks youthful, trendy experienced guy to enjoy good times. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366723**

ATTRACTIVE young hearted female, fed up with being alone, so if you feel the same, give me a call, lets get together. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366721**

TALL blue eyed 30's female, brown hair, lots of interests, seeks male for good times. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366705**

ATTRACTIVE and any man's dream seeks, outgoing, professional male for evenings in and fun nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366703**

CUTE very curvy young girl, 18, WLTM romantic guy for lots of fun and loving. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366699**

MAIDSTONE lady, pretty, petite, late 50's, honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366501**

HAZEL blonde, 62, pretty, cuddly, N/S, non drinker, seeks genuine, attractive male, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Ramsgate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366319**

LORRAINE seeks trustworthy white male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363793**

DONNA 35, single mum of 3, seeks male with GSOH, 35-40. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385064**

5FT 2ins female, brown hair, blue eyes, homely, down to earth, seeks female for LTR. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366525**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384852**

JANE 27, caring, bubbly, likes nights out, cinema, bowling, DVDs, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363203**

SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975**

FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961**

A rare diamond, bright, sparkly and good quality, let me put the sparkle back into your life. Wanted professional, attractive male, 38-58, medium build, 5ft 9ins. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361005**

LADY slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633**

42YR old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577**

48YR old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321**

FUN outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331**

GLASS half full N/S mid 50's woman, seeks other half. Are you a professional man, 50-60 who likes the finer things in life? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363969**

49YR old lady, honest, sincere, easygoing, likes a laugh, looking for love. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359059**

FEMALE 64, brown/grey hair, medium build, honest, caring, loving, seeks similar in male, 30-60 for friendship/relationship. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364253**

UNIQUE attractive black female, 37, slim, enjoys music, reading, theatre nature, WLTM genuine gent, 37-49 to share laughter and life, caring, N/S who lives near London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815**

ANNE 61, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blue eyes, blonde hair, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361243**

65YR old slim brunette, caring, loving, many interests, arts, coastal walks, animals, cooking, seeks attractive, compatible male. Dog owner in Maidstone perfect. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383676**

NATALIA attractive, brunette, brown eyes, 40's, N/S, slim, fit, friendly, seeks sincere, N/S, solvent male for love and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344393**

PROFESSIONAL attractive, friendly, black British female, mid 40's, size 10-12 likes socialising, seeks sincere male of any nationality for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341125**

LISA 42, medium build, likes cooking, walks, music, days in/out, WLTM caring, down to earth male, 40-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332817**

OUTGOING sincere 5ft 6ins lady WLTM tall, caring interesting male 70's to share lifes adventure. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357959**

6FT male, romantic, GSOH, caring, seeks female, 35-45 for friendship, possible romance. Single mum welcome. Sheerness. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368249**

SHY average looking male, seeks funny girl to make me laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368219**

NICE looking guy 46, 6ft, slim, genuine, open-minded, no baggage, seeks relaxed, fun loving female with similar outlook for exciting LTR. SE London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369079**

IAN 5ft 6ins, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing, GSOH, seeks female. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386282**

FIT young active 65yr old male, medium build, dog owner, likes countryside, seeks similar active lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369011**

DAVID 47, fair hair, likes enjoying life, seeks N/S slim, pretty lady for LTR. Romney Marsh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368159**

ATTRACTIVE blond, blue eyed male, 47, HIV positive, genuine, sincere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks warm, sincere Oriental/black/Asian female. Essex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368149**

KIND cuddly, caring 30yr old male, GSOH, laidback, likes simple things, seeks more mature lady for conversation, companionship and maybe more. Gravesend. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368897**

PROFESSIONAL 45yr old male, one son, bored of the same thing, seeks lady for possible romance. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386234**

Men Seeking

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(T&C's below)

RON retired active, feels 40, looking for fun and friendship with female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370207**

SINCERE friendly, solvent Bromley man, 57, likes dancing, theatre, walking, nights in, seeks sincere lady for good times and romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370203**

JONNY 49, trustworthy, seeks nice lady for LTR. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369877**

RUSS 43, 5ft 10ins, muscular, good looking, GSOH, likes gym, music, cinema, seeks female for fun and friendship. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386356**

ASHFORD man, Peter, kind, affectionate, genuine, seeks soul mate, 50-60 for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369371**

MALE 38, good looking, GSOH, seeks lady, 35-55 for laughter and lots of fun. Kent/Sussex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369301**

DEREK 46, slim, genuine, seeks Foreign lady for possible LTR. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386438**

JEFF 58, well built, 6ft, extra large chest seeking a female for fun and friendship. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386412**

38YR old male, olive skin, loving, caring, likes animals, walks, countryside, seeks blonde, slim lady, 25-35 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386396**

RICHARD 46, 5ft 6ins, dark hair, blue eyes, likes holidays, theatre, beach walks, music, countryside, meals out, cinema, seeks female for LTR. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386362**

37YR old male, 6ft 7ins, blue eyes, dark hair, GSOH, seeks female. Thanet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368969**

RON retired, active, feels 40, seeks white lady for friendship, maybe more. Medway area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368945**

PROFESSIONAL male, 62, generous, fun loving, seeks non assertive lady for special relationship. Farnham. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367191**

DAVID 58, its Spring and I am looking for an easygoing lady for a LTR. East Surrey. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367157**

PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, attractive, genuine, kind, likes theatre, pubs, seeks female, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366935**

Gay Seeking

ANDREW 35, likes nights out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368661**

NICE guy 31, CD, 5ft 7ins, seeking an older gent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386186**

ACTIVE gay male, 80, likes cinema, music, seeks affectionate friendship with similar 75-85yr old male. East Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369673**

IAN 42, inexperienced bisexual, seeks male for fun times. Dartford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367941**

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Taking in a Dutch mill, connections with Jane Austen and a fine mix of beautiful and varied country views, this tour has lots of appeal to take you off the beaten track











ENJOY a picturesque circular walk from Goodnestone and discover some wonderful hidden treasures en route, including the fascinating gardens at Goodnestone Park and the landmark Chillenden Mill.

The parish of Goodnestone comprises the surrounding villages of Chillenden, Rowling, Knowlton and Tickenhurst, as well as Goodnestone itself, the larger of the five.

Your route begins opposite the church in the centre of Goodnestone village. Continue on through woodland, arable fields and past sleepy lanes and cottages.

As you follow the route you will see Chillenden Windmill ahead in the distance. One kilometre north of the village, the windmill was one of the last post mills to be built in Kent.

It was put up in 1868. It is thought that the mill was Dutch-built, and that it was so positioned when replacing an older mill in the area to be visible from Knowlton Court. The particular location is said to have been to please one of the ladies of the family, who may have lived in The Netherlands for a while.

The family owning the estate which included the mill would have been the D'Aeths, or Deaths; their line ended towards 1900. In 1949 a violent storm damaged the mill. However, it was saved from falling into ruin when it was bought by Kent County Council in 1958.

Restoration work was carried out in 1983. Until its collapse in November 2003, it served as a landmark and a reminder of the days when windmills were dotted along the ridges of the east Kent landscape. The mill was rebuilt during 2004-5 and its reconstruction was completed on the original site in August 2005.

If you have time to spare, the windmill is open to the public for the summer season, every Sunday from May 2010 from 2.30pm-4.30pm until the end of August. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children.

On your return journey to the village, you will pass by Goodnestone Park Gardens. Considered to be one of the best gardens in the South East, the estate comprises some 14 acres, including woodland and walled gardens that encompass the imposing stately home built in 1704.

Goodnestone is one of only three gardens in the county to be awarded the coveted two stars in the Good Garden Guide and has fascinating connections with the author Jane Austen. Again this is another enchanting stop-off that offers an ideal distraction for a couple of hours while out walking.

Why not make the most of your visit by relaxing and enjoying afternoon tea at the estate tearooms?

Past the gardens at the bottom of the hill, head through a gap and follow the enclosed path back towards the church where your walk began.

- **Location:** Goodnestone, CT3 1PH
- **Distance:** 4.5 miles (7.2km); allow two hours and 30 minutes
- **OS Explorer Map:** 150
- **Terrain:** Field paths and tracks, with some moderate slopes
- **Stiles:** Five
- **Step count:** 9,000
- **Parking:** Limited on-road parking in Goodnestone
- **Refreshments and facilities:** There is a pub and a shop in Goodnestone

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Extreme sport
BMX and skate competition

Jubilee Field, Staplehurst
Saturday, July 16, 11am
01622 602 222
www.maidstone.gov.uk

THE popular skate and BMX competition Uprockin' heads back to Jubilee Field skate park in Staplehurst for Kent's extreme-sports fans to enter.
The competition is open to all ages and abilities, with some great prizes up for grabs thanks to this year's sponsors, Maidstone Borough Council, Golding Homes, Road Kill, Lovenskate, Revolution Skate Park, Source, The Lab, Unit 1, Woods Cycles and Fusion.
Registration for competing at the event will start at 11am, with the competition running from midday to 5pm.
Uprockin' is aimed at those aged between 11 and 21, and those who want to compete in the competition can just turn up on the day.
The event is free both to watch and to enter.



Walk and ride
Train trails blow away the steam

Kent & East Sussex Railway
Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10
www.kesr.org.uk
01580 765155

TAKE advantage of the K&ESR weekend summer promotion which combines a walk with a nostalgic steam-train ride.
Railtrails is a collection of walks through the countryside around Tenterden, Bodiam and Northiam stations.
Walkers can take advantage of a 25 per cent discount on all single train fares, along with a free copy of the glossy Railtrails guide book, featuring six walks with maps. Those wishing not to walk can still buy full-price rover tickets, and the usual train timetable will be operating over the weekend – details of these are on the railway's website.
The walk can be started or ended with a train ride, and most trails are only accessible to walkers via the railway.
Trails are from two to six miles.

The War and Peace Show
Iconic aircraft

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood
Wednesday to Sunday, July 20-24
www.thewarandpeaceshow.com
www.thehopfarm.co.uk

THE iconic Second World War aircraft the Hurricane and the Spitfire have been brought together in a unique exhibition that keeps alive memories of the Battle of Britain.
Called The Battle of Britain Experience, the exhibition celebrates the lives and work of two flying aces, Bob Stanford-Tuck, who downed 30 enemy aircraft, and Adolph 'Sailor' Malan, who was credited with at least 27 hits.
Created by Rex Cadman, organiser of the War and Peace Show, and former travel company executive Mark Hatfield, the mobile exhibition features life-size replicas of the aircraft.
There will be a display trailer telling the story of the Battle of Britain and the heroic role played by Stanford-Tuck and Malan.
"We have created this exhibition because we believe it's vital that the men and women who fought the Battle of Britain should never be forgotten," said Cadman.
"If they had not risked their lives in those turbulent days of 1940, the war might have had a completely different outcome. And we should never forget that many did not survive."
The fibreglass aircraft replicas have been built specially for the Battle of Britain Experience.
The War and Peace Show runs for five days at The Hop Farm.



Culinary Kent
Celebration of food and drink

The Mulberry Tree, Boughton Monchelsea
Wednesday, July 20, 7.30pm
www.themulberrytreekent.co.uk

THE Mulberry Tree bar and restaurant is holding a Celebration Of Kent evening to give visitors the chance to sample some of the best of the county's food and drink.
A special six-course menu compiled by chef Mark Pearson will incorporate some of the finest local produce available, accompanied by Biddenden wines and ciders.
The six-course meal will cost £45 or £65, with wines and ciders. Aperitifs and canapés will be served on the terrace before dinner with winemaker Julian Barnes, owner of Biddenden Vineyard, who will be 'selling himself' in aid of Demelza House Hospice.
Wine-lovers can bid to have Julian join their table throughout the evening.
The winning bidder will also receive a guided tour of the vineyards and winery at Biddenden, followed by tastings of the full range of award-winning wines, ciders and juices, on a date of your choice.
To book a place at this exclusive event, phone 01622 749082.



Big knees-up
Cockney Chas and friends

Recreation Ground, Stone
Sunday, July 3
Open from midday to 7pm
www.stoneparishcouncil.com

STONE Parish Council will provide a proper knees-up for the locals with its cockney-inspired fete at Stone Recreation Ground.
Visitors will be treated to a packed line-up of mainstage entertainment including cockney great Chas Hodges of the ultimate cockney band Chas and Dave performing his greatest hits.
The Barrow Boys, featuring the Pearly King of Camberwell, will also be on stage to create a sing-a-long atmosphere with renditions of old classics.
Alongside them will be The Somebodys and Beer Pressure performing hits from across the decades.
The annual open-top fete bus will ferry passengers to and from the event, free of charge courtesy of Ward Homes; buses running every 20 minutes.
Children can ride the funfair all day for just £2 and stalls and attractions will be arranged in the style of an East End market.

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

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Castle capers
Medieval test of your skills

Bodiam Castle
Saturday to Sunday, July 9-10
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FAMILIES can test their creative skills when they join in medieval tile-making and scriptorium activities at Bodiam Castle.
Artisans will bring the past to life with demonstrations of medieval tile-making, using replica tools, equipment and traditional materials.
As the characters work their magic, listen to their stories of medieval and Tudor tile-makers and significant events in medieval history.
If painting is more your thing, try your hand at illuminated lettering in the Medieval Scriptorium.
Visitors can make an illuminated letter with authentic parchment or an illuminated picture to take home.



Dragon tales
Is it fantasy or reality?

MODA Underground, Folkestone
Until Sunday, July 10
www.pundole.co.uk

HAVE you ever wondered how things get their name? Wormshill, near Maidstone, for example. The origin of the name comes from 'times of old when knights were bold' and a worm was a dragon. A series of startling events unfolded in February this year at a building site on what was a small copse at Wormshill. A building contractor had been given the go-ahead to start clearing the site and prepare some trenches for the foundations. During these digs, things often turn up, and a sharp-eyed worker saw something in his bucket that looked like a vertebrae.
The specimen was cleaned up and the vertebrae looked like that of a small whale rather than any land mammal. Further excavations revealed two more vertebrae and a skull. The bones were taken to The Natural History Museum for examination and a few more startling discoveries where made.
Iron dating from about 1100 AD was found in one of the bones, while carbon was found in the nasal cavities.
A dragon? Why don't you find out for yourself at the exhibition at MODA Underground in Folkestone?

Final line-up
Farm festival is ready to go

Lounge On The Farm, Merton Farm, Canterbury
Friday to Sunday, July 8-10
www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk
www.ticketline.co.uk

LOUNGE On The Farm has confirmed a huge list of stars for its 2011 festival.
The gig, which takes place at Merton Farm near Canterbury, has had rave reviews in previous years and this year's line-up is sure to continue the trend.
Just last week the comedy catches of Sean Hughes (Never Mind The Buzzcocks) and Robin Ince were announced alongside Tom Deacon and Edinburgh Festival award-winner Phil Nicol.
Mike Skinner's The Streets will headline the Friday night ahead of classic 90s indie bands Cornershop and Cast.
They will also be joined fresh from Glastonbury by up-and-coming rockers The Vaccines and UK rapper Devlin.
Saturday night's line-up will see Ellie Goulding top the bill, suported by new-wave artist Katie B, rapper Example and one of the founders of Brit Pop in the 90s, Blur guitarist Graham Coxon, below.
Sunday will be lit up by prog-rock gods Caravan, the newest kids on the block Everything Everything and indie-rockers Echo And The Bunnymen.
And dance-music fans will not be disappointed as the new Cowshed Dance Arena offers Radio One's Annie Mac, The Scratch Perverts and The Plump DJs.
All we need now is the perfect weather report.





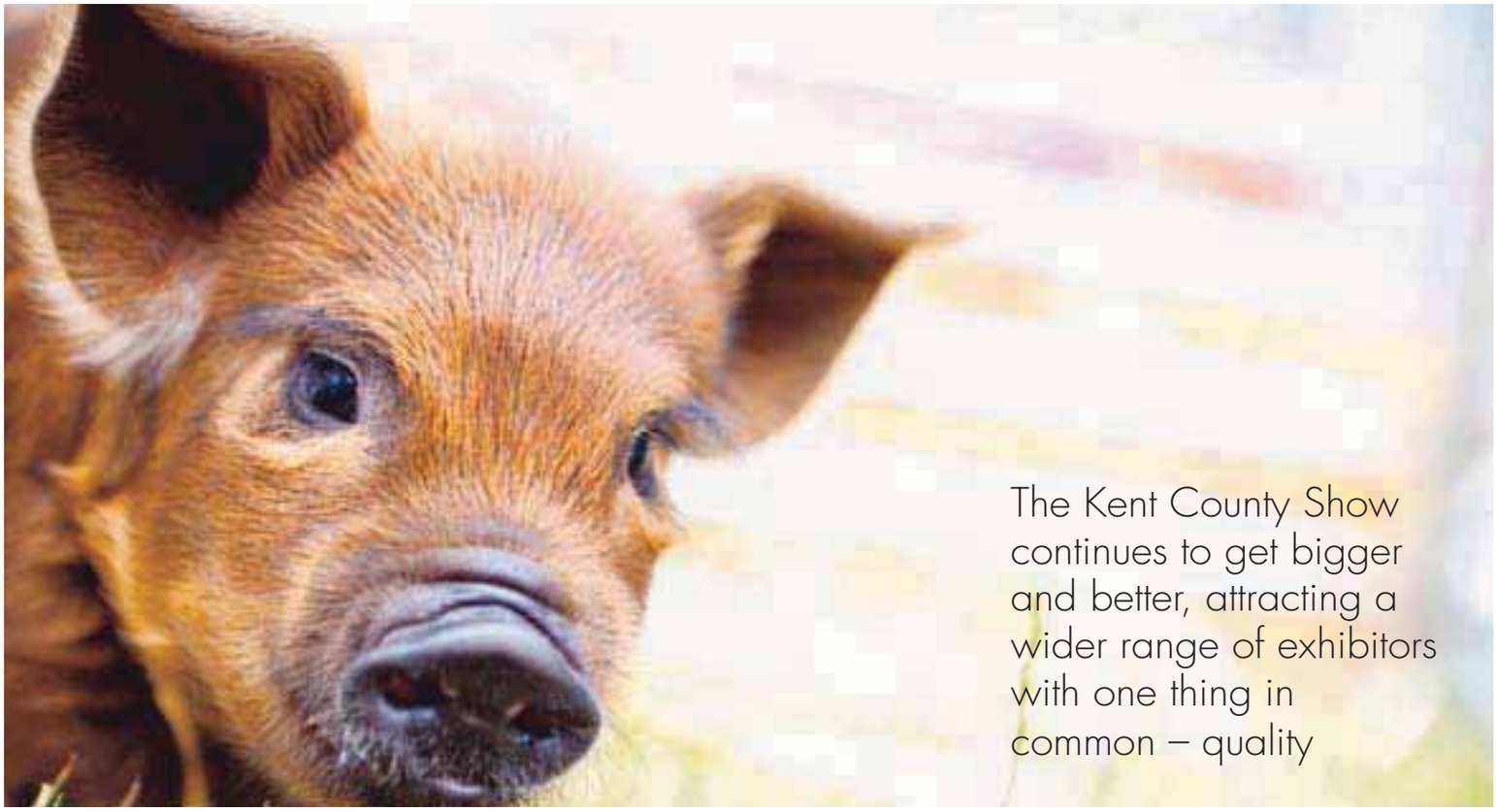
Memorabilia
Saucy or rude postcards?

Pie Factory Gallery, Margate
Margate Museum, Old Town
Sat, July, 23 to Tues, August 2
www.piefactorymargate.co.uk

A CRACKDOWN by the authorities in the early 1950s, in response to Britain's perceived declining morals after the Second World War, saw the confiscation and destruction of thousands of examples of the great British saucy seaside postcard.
So what better place to reassess these images than the ultimate resort of Margate?
An exhibition of postcards has been put together by The Dreamland Trust, Thanet District Council and the British Cartoon Archive at the University of Kent.
Now we can all decide if these pictures were too rude.
There will also be a series of talks about the subject, starting on Saturday, July 23.
The first talk looks at the work of artist Donald McGill.
This is a free exhibition and runs from Saturday, July 23, to Tuesday, August 2, at Pie Factory Gallery, 5 Broad Street, Margate CT9 1EW.
The talks will be held at Margate Museum in the Old Town on Saturday, July 23, and Saturday, July 30.

LEISURE

Kent County Show 2011 Friday to Sunday, July 15-17



The Kent County Show continues to get bigger and better, attracting a wider range of exhibitors with one thing in common – quality



From motorcycle and horsemanship displays to competitions for livestock, and whether it's prize-winning animals, new farming techniques, ways to go green or pure entertainment, the event is one that is really out on its own.

Special guest on the day will be HRH The Duke of Kent, who will be arriving on the Friday morning to visit the attractions.

There will be guest appearances by a huge robot and one of today's most famous film characters, not to mention a funfair and the chance to sample some of the county's finest food and drink – the produce that gave the Garden of England its name.

Building on the success of last year's show, a new web innovation and visitor feature is now available. Visitors will be able to Plan Their Day with a new itinerary tool, as well as follow the build-up to the show through Facebook and Twitter.

The feature has details and times of all displays and competitions, including details of where they can be found. Kent County Show visitors can easily decide what they would like to see and at what time – you can even print out a copy for each member of the party, or email to a friend.

The Village Green, which was new in 2010, will be returning and feature even more attractions that reflect village life. Back by popular demand will be The Living Statue Company's most hilarious and quirky Human Tree characters – The Living Topiary.

These trees will be planted anywhere and stand perfectly still, looking exactly like the real thing. There will also be the old favourite Village Fete stalls, coconut shy, swing-boats and much more. Watch out for an uncanny double for Pirates Of The Caribbean rascal Captain Jack Sparrow, who will be shivering his timbers around the showground.

Have your photo taken with Titan the giant robot and join the ranks of the rich and famous who have met him – including Will Smith, Davina McCall, Jackie Chan and Rihanna.

One of the main ring attractions this year will be the Royal Artillery Motorcycle Display Team, who first performed in July 1949. More than 50 years later and the show is delighted to welcome the team as one of the main attractions. The unit is referred to as the Flying Gunners and manned by volunteer soldiers from the Royal Regiment Of Artillery. Once a rider

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makes the team, he is trained in numerous motorcycle skills, from precision riding to motocross jumping.

The soldiers are all from operational regiments, many having served in Iraq or Afghanistan. All the riders are proud to be Gunners, but above all else they are proud to be Flying Gunners.

This year will feature even more farming exhibits than usual. The large Why Farming Matters In Kent area at the main entrance to the showground will tell the story of fruit in the county.

Kent produces world-class strawberries, raspberries, apples and pears, and the fruit-growing industry can be seen at work throughout the county. The area will give visitors the chance to talk to farmers and growers, see cookery demonstrations, take part in interactive quizzes and get up close to some of the cutest farm animals you are ever likely to see.

A main ring attraction will be The Devil's Horsemen, with more than 70 horses, each highly trained in various stunts and each with its own character and performance level.

This is a highly-skilled team of riders which has spent years training horses to complete complex and jaw-dropping stunts. It has a busy yearly calendar, but the Kent County Show has been lucky enough to have it perform in the main ring on all three days, offering a variety of shows; the main performances are Cossack and Wild West.

The agricultural area of the event welcomes back a large poultry and egg show, an indoor livestock ring, examples of modern farming equipment and demonstrations including sheep-shearing.

On Saturday night, one of the best Take That tribute bands will be playing. They are called The Greatest Take That Tribute and are the only Take That tribute to feature the leading soundalikes to Gary Barlow and Mark Owen.

New to the show will be local group Los Salvadores, many of their songs drawing on Kent's rich history and folklore, providing traditional tales with a modern soundtrack. Los Salvadores will be playing on Saturday and Sunday.

Kent County Show Ticket Prices

2011 Kent County Show will be promoting its Children Go Free campaign. If you book tickets online or via the ticket hotline, you can save up to 52 per cent on the gate price. Adults can apply for additional complimentary child tickets for every adult ticket bought. An adult ticket purchased ahead of the Kent County Show will be £17.50. The offer ends on Friday, July 8.

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Never mind the stand-up
Phill Jupitus

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells
Thursday, July 14, 8pm
01892 678 678



TV regular and and comedian Phill Jupitus will be trying out his new stand-up routine in Tunbridge Wells. The Never Mind The Buzzcocks mainstay takes a break from comedy-panel shows and his beloved music radio sessions to give his material a run through before his upcoming tour.
Known for his quick wit and cutting one-liners, usually aimed at other celebrities, the erudite, troubled and, let's be honest, occasionally mean big man is back doing what he does best.
This intimate venue will offer audiences a chance to be up close and personal with one of the best international comics working today.
Visit www.trinitytheatre.net for more information.

Medway mirth
Comedy duo at the Brook

Brook Theatre, Chatham
Monday, July 4, 8pm
01634 338338
Tickets £11



FANS of stand-up comedy are in for a treat when two comedians trial their Edinburgh Comedy Festival routines on Medway audiences.
Carl Donnelly and Stuart Goldsmith will be starring at the Medway Comedy Club in the Brook Theatre.
Multi-award-winning Donnelly has quickly established himself as an exciting new comic thanks to his silly sense of humour. His confident, conversational style has made him a club regular.
Alongside him will be Goldsmith, who was named as this year's Chortle Best Breakthrough Act thanks to his infectious banter and quick-fire timing.



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THIS summer sees the arrival of Shakespeare's Comedy Of Errors at Maidstone and surrounding areas.
Directed by Rob Forknall and starring Jake Hendriks of Hollyoaks fame, the Changeling production of one of Shakespeare's earliest and funniest comedies is sure to be a great laugh.
The company has been producing outdoor theatre productions in some of Kent's outdoor venues since 2001 and has a reputation for being lively, loud and wildly entertaining.
Comedy Of Errors, first performed in 1594, is a tale of identical twins separated at birth and reunited amid mistaken identity, wonderful verse, mayhem, fezzes and Changeling's signature method of mixing all-new music in with the plot, this year provided by Dougal Irvine.
The tour finishes on Sunday, August 7, at Boughton Monchelsea Place after a six-date residence there.
For performance details, visit the Hazlitt website.

Dance away
Traditional Bollywood

Astor Theatre, Deal
Saturday, July 9, 1pm
07513 438801
Tickets £10

THE Astor Theatre is staging a Bollywood Dance event in collaboration with ShivaNova and Els Van Hoof. International world music and dance company Shivanova celebrates cultural diversity through music and dance.
One of Shivanova's professional Indian dancers, Dhirish Bansoodeb, will lead a taster class and a master class at the Deal venue.
Bansoodeb is a tutor on the Bollywood Fusion programme at the Battersea Arts School in London, as well as being an Odissi performer of classical Indian dance.
The freestyle workshop will be led by Els Van Hoof, who has extensive international experience as a dance teacher in jazz and contemporary dance as well as in freestyle.
All workshops are geared to learning and performing a short piece for the final celebration, when participants will showcase their dances.
Bansoodeb will perform a Bollywood dance in the show.
The afternoon starts at 1.30pm with the taster class for children and parents. For more experienced dancers, there is a masterclass and freestyle workshop, starting at 2.30pm, while the final show starts at 4.10pm.
The price for the taster class is £2, with the price for the masterclass with freestyle workshop is £10.



Jazz weekend
The Seaside Shuffle blues

Broad Street, Ramsgate
Sunday to Monday, July 8-10
01843 581427
An all-gig pass costs £35

NEW Orleans-style jazz comes to Ramsgate, with live music events in town venues. There are both ticketed and free gigs during the weekend, including performances from Max Collie And The Rhythm Aces at the Granville Theatre, while the Vocalion, Gambit and Stour Valley Jazz Bands will appear at St James's restaurant in Broad Street.
The Belgian Café will jazz it up on the Saturday, with some Cajun dishes available.
The Royal Temple Yacht Club is opening its doors on Saturday lunchtime to shuffle punters, with the Temple Jazz Band playing in the evening for members and guests.
A free outdoor performance on Sunday morning on the seafront by Burt Butler's Jazz Pilgrims at 11am will be followed by a traditional brolly parade harbourside. So it doesn't matter if it rains!

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The addition of a drinks cabinet is always welcome, especially when the room is used for entertaining guests, and a dining table can also be used to give something of an alfresco feel to meals taken in the room rather than in a more formal home setting

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Broadstairs property report

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DICKENS OF A VIEW: Broadstairs boasts historic buildings such as the world-renowned Bleak House

Coastal town lives up to its jewel tag

WITH the tagline of The Jewel In The Crown Of Thanet, it is no surprise that average property prices in Broadstairs are higher than those in neighbouring coastal towns.

It is easy to see why, with the town's glorious beaches, fine array of shops and restaurants and cultural activities among the many reasons demand has always been high.

Cooke & Co's Broadstairs office manager Jose Barnett said the town's appeal was as strong as ever.

"Broadstairs is the jewel in the crown and compares very favourably against other east Kent towns such as Deal and Whitstable," she said. "It is difficult to beat the seven golden beaches on the bays of Broadstairs on a clear summer day.

"We've found that when the bug of Broadstairs bites, people never wish to leave."

Pensioners, developers and families have been particularly active in the sales market recently, leading to a high number of bungalows and three-/four-bedroom detached houses changing hands.



Barnett said: "Bungalows attract a variety of purchasers for various reasons, one of which is retirement. The properties are also sometimes situated on generous plots offering development and/or extension potential.

"The three-/four-bedroom detached or semi-detached houses are still attracting interest, as are large Victorian or Edwardian houses of character."

While sales of bungalows are booming, the market is not thriving at all ends.

"We have found the quietest area of the market is the first-time buyer sector, particularly one-bedroom flats," said Barnett.

Stuart Barr, of Miles & Barr, said Broadstairs would continue to flourish. "Broadstairs will always be much desired and the prices are considerably higher than in the other Thanet towns," he said. "In turn, this makes Ramsgate a popular second choice and now Margate is very much in the frame, too."

SPOTLIGHT ON BROADSTAIRS

What makes it special

TAKE a stroll around Broadstairs and you will soon see how much of its character has remained unchanged over the years, with its quaint cottages and fishing boats bobbing in the pretty harbour. One can see why author Charles Dickens was attracted to the town and based characters from some of his novels on the people he met. But don't be fooled by the sleepy seaside-haven feel, there is much to see and do in the bustling high street, which is a great place to shop for unusual gifts and trinkets or that special treat. You can recharge your batteries at several ice-cream parlours famed for their homemade Italian ice cream and excellent coffee, or alternatively tuck into fish and chips while sitting on the jetty.

The town is a hive of activity during the summer, with the Dickens Festival and Broadstairs Folk Week attracting thousands of visitors from far and wide.

The coastline provides several excellent sandy beaches, with Stone Bay, Louisa Bay and Dumpton Gap either side of Viking Bay, while a bit further out of town are Joss Bay and Botany Bay, just a short drive, or leisurely stroll, further along the coast heading toward Margate.

Room to improve

BROADSTAIRS does not hold its jewel-in-the-crown tag for nothing – the town is a great place to live and work.

The beaches are clean and sandy and there is a good range of restaurants and pubs. However, many in the town believe that more could be done to curtail the trouble and yobbish behaviour that can be an obvious feature of the evenings. It is also true to say that the local authority has



allowed far too much development and the town essentially joins both Margate and Ramsgate to form one large conurbation.

Shops

THE high street hosts a range of small shops, salons and boutiques, while some larger retail firms can be found just outside the town at Westwood Cross. Stores include Clarks, Debenhams, DW Sports, Game, HMV, Marks and Spencer, New Look, River Island, Subway, TK Maxx and Waterstones.

Schools

THERE are plenty of junior and infant schools for parents to choose between, including St Mildred's infant school, Bromstone county primary school and Wellesley House. Post 11-plus options include Dane Court grammar school, St George's CoE foundation school, Charles Dickens and Chatham House and Clarendon House grammar schools. Those choosing to enrol in further education but wishing to stay local can take a course at Canterbury Christ Church University's Thanet campus.

Connections

IT'S all west from Broadstairs, unless you're in a boat. The A256 passes through Sandwich on its way south to Dover, while the A28 will take pilgrims to Canterbury. Those wishing to steer clear of the bigger A roads can venture around Thanet, taking in towns such as Ramsgate, Margate, Cliftonville, St Peter's and Westgate.

What's on

BROADSTAIRS'S connections with author Charles Dickens have resulted in the entrenchment of an annual Dickens festival into the town's events calendar.

Continuing the theme, Dickens House museum is on the seafront. The house features artefacts relating to the author and his life in the resort.

Broadstairs Folk Week is arguably livelier than the Dickens Festival but features few, if any, Victorian costumes...

More everyday entertainment can be enjoyed at the Palace Cinema, while Joss and Botany Bays are popular tourist destinations throughout the summer.

For sports fans, there is plenty on offer in Broadstairs. Practise your putting at North Foreland Golf Club, or take in some 'egg-chasing' at Thanet Wanderers Rugby Union Football Club. The beach is used for volleyball competitions and the beaches host regular fishing contests.

Around and about

LOVERS of exotic animals can get up close and personal to a number of mammals, reptiles and birds from across the globe at the Rare Species Conservation Centre & Zoological Gardens in Sandwich. There is plenty on offer at Quexpo, held at Quex Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10, with a dog show, craft stands and a steam fair among the attractions.

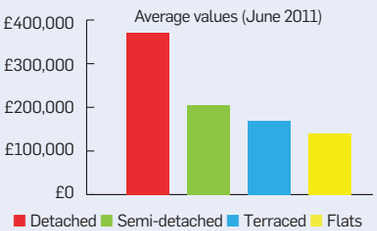
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Canterbury	15.2%	£224,912
Chatham	17.5%	£159,945
Cranbrook	13.3%	£368,376
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Dover	14.4%	£153,251
Edenbridge	13.4%	£341,337
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Gillingham	16.2%	£161,315
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Rectory Road
THIS large and luxurious former coach house, known as Dorritt House, can be found down a shingle driveway in a most unique setting, within five minutes of Broadstairs's eclectic mix of shops, restaurants and bars.
Dorrit House has been extended to provide spacious accommodation throughout and offers an individual and quirky family home.
The ground floor offers an L-shaped lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with utility room and cloakroom, study and a TV/games room.
The warm and homely property features a split landing on the first floor, with access to the main bedroom and en-suite shower room, a four-piece family bathroom suite and three further bedrooms.
The home boasts a large, sun-trapped walled courtyard and a walled lawn garden with two good-sized garages.
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Home cinema feature of this four-bed semi

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Seafield Road
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Airy refurbished two-bed in beautiful setting

£275,000

Trinity Square
THIS is an unusual detached property set within the conservation area of Trinity Square in St Peter's.
It has undergone complete refurbishment to an excellent standard but is sympathetic to its surroundings.
The accommodation is arranged over two floors, with the lower ground floor providing a light and airy kitchen/diner and sitting room.
An oak staircase leads to the ground floor, with the master bedroom having an en-suite and French doors leading to the garden. There is also an additional bedroom and the family bathroom. To the rear is a private garden with a parking space to the side; pedestrian access leads to the village green.
The property is available as a chain-free purchase.
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Original bread oven in quaint period house

£240,000

High Street
ONE of the original properties in the old part of St Peter's village, this period cottage is full of character, from the original bread oven in the cellar to fireplaces, different levels and a secluded garden.
The lounge leads via steps to the dining area, which then leads to the fitted kitchen, which is in keeping with the cottage. As you go upstairs, there is a half-landing which leads to the smaller bedroom and the bathroom; another small flight heads to another half-landing, which accesses the master bedroom. There are some minor works needed.
AGENT: Lovetts
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Well-presented period home

£325,000

Alexandra Road
A FABULOUS opportunity has arisen to acquire this bright, sunny and well-presented period townhouse, situated in the heart of Broadstairs, within a few minutes of the harbour, beaches, restaurants and high-street shops.
This desirable property offers light, airy and well-proportioned accommodation over three floors, which includes six bedrooms, bathroom, separate cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen and cellar.
The vendors have maintained the property to a good standard throughout. With no onward chain, this home is ready to move straight into.
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SALTWOOD



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SALTWOOD



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This flat is in a prime location, just a few minutes' walk from Broadstairs seafront and a host of amenities. The studio flat is ideal for a single professional with no pets.
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Newly-built four-bedroom town house

£1,000 pcm

The Boulevard
THIS recently-built four-bedroom town house sits in the St Augustine's Park development in Westgate. The accommodation includes a spacious kitchen/breakfast room with French doors to patio area and garden, lounge with feature fireplace and doors to twin Juliette balcony overlooking The Boulevard and master bedroom with built-in wardrobes and en-suite shower.
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Convent Road
THE tenants who move into this semi-detached three-bedroom property will have more than ample opportunity to perfect their swing, being as it is only a short walk from the North Foreland golf course.
The property offers three large bedrooms, lounge, dining areas, kitchen with appliances and bathroom.
It also benefits from gas central heating, double-glazing, off-street parking, a large garage and lawn gardens.
AGENT: Haart
01843 861770



Big home near shops and schools

£950 pcm

Bromstone Road
THIS ideally-located detached property is close to schools, amenities and Westwood Cross shopping centre.
It boasts four family bedrooms, lounge, separate dining room, double-glazed conservatory, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom and downstairs toilet. It also includes a garage, off-street parking, double-glazing, front and rear gardens and gas central heating.
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Four-bed with office/study

£1,000 pcm

Stone Road
THIS four-bedroom detached house is situated in an exclusive area of Broadstairs and offers spacious living accommodation throughout. It boasts a large garage, garden, en-suite master bedroom and beautiful sea views. The accommodation includes an office/study that can be used as an additional bedroom; lounge with access to the garden; fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and space for dining; master bedroom with clear sea views; and an en-suite shower room.
AGENT: Belmonte
08452571210



Two-bed apartment

£500 pcm

Queens Road
THERE is no deposit to pay for this spacious second-floor two-bedroom apartment in an imposing building, which is very well positioned for the shopping facilities of Broadstairs.
With a good-sized kitchen, gas central heating, double-glazing, a corner bath in the bathroom and allocated parking, this flat is well presented and worth viewing.
AGENT: Milton Ashbury
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£275,000

An unusual detached property set within the conservation area of **Trinity Square in St. Peters**. Having undergone complete refurbishment to an excellent standard but sympathetic to its surroundings. Accommodation arranged over two floors with the lower ground floor providing a light and airy kitchen/diner and sitting room. The glazed roof provides a contemporary feel yet with the traditional feature of a solid fuel stove set within the chimney recess. There is a comprehensive fitted kitchen with integrated washing machine, dishwasher, fridge, freezer, oven, hob and extractor. An Oak staircase leads to the ground floor with the master bedroom having an en suite and French doors leading onto the garden. There is also an additional bedroom and the family bathroom. To the rear a private garden with a parking space to the side, pedestrian access leads onto the Village green. The property is available as a chain free purchase. The property requires internal viewing as a case of urgency for those seeking something really special.

For further details please contact the **Broadstairs Office** on **01843 863100**.







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This is the fifth edition of Kent's Finest Properties and we continue to feature some of the most desirable homes in one of the most attractive parts of Britain. Excellent exteriors, stunning grounds and imaginatively-designed interiors combine to give each of these houses its own appeal. Summer's here and, as the sun shines, why not take the opportunity to make up your own mind about what we are featuring? Take a look around any one of these and there is no way you will be disappointed.

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Farmhouse with fabulous gardens

Dumpton Farmhouse, Broadstairs

A BEAUTIFUL example of a Grade II-listed flint-faced farmhouse with ample parking, spectacular 150ft gardens and bounded by flint walls and solid gates, this property is in a desirable area of Broadstairs, a few minutes' drive from the main town.

The beaches and harbour are within a few minutes' drive and there is easy access to the adjacent towns of Ramsgate and Margate via good transport links.

This residence has character and appeal, with light and spacious rooms, most offering versatile accommodation. A huge cellar offers access to the outside and is split into four large sections, offering scope for many uses.

On the ground floor is a large reception hall, with a grand staircase leading up to the first floor.

There is a dual-aspect principal lounge, a study/snug, a large kitchen/diner which opens on to a kitchen garden and a separate utility room. On the first floor there are four good-sized bedrooms offering attractive aspects, along with two bathrooms.

The gardens pretty much wrap themselves around the property and are particularly established, with a large lawn of more than 150ft. There is an abundance of structured hedges, fruit trees, planted areas and shrubs defining particular sections.

To the side is a large driveway leading to a covered carport, providing off-road parking for many vehicles. This fantastic home is offered with no chain and viewing is essential. The price is £475,000.

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Such extraordinary views

12 Acres, Westerham

THE historic market town of Westerham lies between the larger towns of Sevenoaks and Oxted, both of which have mainline stations to London.

Westerham has a number of thriving shops and a business community. It offers numerous acclaimed restaurants offering English and international cuisine.

Two famous residents of the town were General Wolfe, who lived at Quebec House, and, more recently, Sir Winston Churchill, whose country home was Chartwell.

These properties and others including Hever Castle and Penshurst Place are just a few places to visit locally.

The town is surrounded by extensive Green Belt countryside providing walks and facilities for sports and other recreations.

12 Acres is approached via a long drive and is set into a gentle slope, enjoying views over its own meadow, woodland and formal garden with views to the hills beyond.

The accommodation is arranged on one level and, subject to the necessary consents, has scope to alter and/or extend.

The woodland is carpeted in spring with daffodils.

The home has a large amount of space throughout, with three large double bedrooms.

To the front is a former croquet lawn lined by manicured hedges. There is a sheltered and secluded paved entertaining terrace. Below the croquet lawn is a meadow.

The remainder of the grounds are woodland which has been partly cleared and provides walkways among the many specimen trees and spring bulbs.

There are foundations in place of an old disused farm shop/building. There is also an unused second driveway from the property to the private entrance to Westerham Golf Club. Parking for the property is to one side.

This property is priced at £1,100,000.



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Gated development in superb location

The Alps, Rochester — NEW HOME

THE Alps is an exclusive gated development of six contemporary five-bedroom homes.

Approached via electric entrance gates, each of the architect-designed, detached properties makes the most of the elevated position looking west across the River Medway and offers fantastic views from the first floor upwards.

The properties boast flexible accommodation split over three floors and a roof garden to enjoy the 360-degree views. In addition, each home features a landscaped rear garden, a sunken courtyard garden and first-floor balconies.

Distinguishing features include the impressive open-plan reception space, perfect for entertaining; the contemporary and design-led interiors; and the versatile ground floor offering an ideal nanny/au pair annexe or self-contained guest accommodation.

The Alps is perfectly located for access to the renowned King's School, Rochester, the high-speed rail service and access to the M2 and wider motorway network.

For your private appointment to view The Alps, contact Savills at its Sevenoaks branch.

This property is priced at £1,000,000.

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Be absorbed by its grace

Lanthorne House, Broadstairs

A BESPOKE residence built some five years ago and located in a picturesque part of Broadstairs, Lanthorne House is a short distance from the town, beaches and golf course.

It is a truly amazing detached home which has a real medieval feel from its imposing facade, but once you step inside you will be absorbed by its splendour.

The vendors built this house for themselves, so attention to detail was a key factor in achieving a fluid balance of practicality but retaining the wow factor.

Presented beautifully, with quality fixtures and finishes, this house offers extensive accommodation over three floors.

This is a unique house, large enough for all the family – just look what is on offer here….

On the ground floor are five large reception rooms and an extensive quality fitted kitchen/diner overlooking the rear gardens.

There is a utility room, cloakroom and conservatory, plus a grand staircase leading to the upper levels. The first and second floors comprise five-six bedrooms and five bathrooms, the master suite having some 54ft of space alone.

There are immaculate gardens which essentially surround the property, high walled boundaries, electronic gates and video-entry system.

Beyond the walls are large areas for additional parking as well as oversized garages for more enclosed parking if desired. Offered with no forward chain, this wonderful home needs to be seen to be appreciated. The price is £995,000.

For further information or to view this house, you can phone Terence Painter Properties, open seven days a week.

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Style and space aplenty

Fairacre Lodge, Broadstairs

A DETACHED residence which oozes contemporary style and space, this home is on the prestigious North Foreland private estate near Broadstairs – within a few hundred metres of the promenade, which offers outstanding marine views.

The owners have designed this home with the intention of creating a modern and fluid style of living, incorporating large open-plan areas and lots of glass to the rear, making the most of the sea views and aspects of the large gardens.

A completely sociable house, this residence has fantastic space on the ground floor incorporating a large reception hall opening on to extensively-sized reception rooms with a glass and wood staircase to the centre, beyond which is a formal dining room and family kitchen/diner overlooking the sea.

Also on the ground floor is a family room and cloakroom, which have discreet sliding bespoke doors to enable them to be shut off if necessary, while to the side of the kitchen is a useful utility room.

Upstairs are four double bedrooms, two en-suites and a separate quality-fitted bathroom.

The master bedroom opens out on to a balcony which offers breathtaking views over North Foreland Avenue and the sea.

There is a sweeping in-and-out drive to the front; a further large driveway to the side, which has a five-bar gate; and a further driveway which leads right down to the foot of the garden and sweeps around to the detached pitched-roof structure at the end of the garden.

These driveways would service a multitude of vehicles, including boats or caravans.

The detached pitched-roof building provides multiple uses and was originally two double garages; one still remains, the other is being used as an office/gym. This building could easily be converted into a detached dwelling, subject to the necessary planning consents.

If this beautiful home still isn't big enough, then there is also the benefit of planning consent which was granted in 2008 for an additional two bedrooms and a bathroom.

This property is priced at £975,000 freehold.

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Enjoy living history

Bubblestone Farmhouse, Otford







THIS charming character property is in a much sought-after location and has three bedrooms, a sitting room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and front and rear gardens.

It is one of the most distinctive landmarks in the village and has overlooked the church village green and pond for many years.

The cottage is steeped in local history and residents have all the benefits of living in the heart of a village in a home which retains much of its original character and charm.

It also benefits from a self-contained annexe with its own garden and parking area to the rear.

This is a rare opportunity to acquire one of the most prestigious homes in the village. It has a price of £950,000.

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Channel views

The Corniche, Sandgate

THIS is a stunning detached house situated in a highly sought-after location commanding fantastic views across the English Channel.

The present owners moved to the property about five years ago, shortly after they had remodelled the interior.

Extensive refurbishment works entailed rewiring the electrical circuits, renewing much of the plumbing, upgrading the central-hearing system and fitting new uPVC double-glazed windows and doors. With the essentials in place, they embarked on completely redesigning and refurbishing the interior, installing a high-quality bespoke kitchen and fitting luxuriously-appointed bath and shower room suites.

The results of the-no-expense spared transformation are amazing and they have created a beautiful home in an outstanding setting.

That is what the present owners tell us they like so much: "We cannot emphasise how special this location is. If took us nine years of investigating every house that came on to the market with a sea view before we eventually found the ultimate combination of an uninterrupted seascape and beautiful surroundings.

"The moment you drive into The Corniche you get this wonderful view of the wooded hillside sloping down to the sea. Our house enjoys a fabulous secluded position with woodland to the front, so it is not overlooked and it occupies a double plot which ensures privacy to the side as well.

"Our favourite room is the lounge and dining room, where we have created a bright and spacious open-plan living area perfect for entertaining and taking in the magnificent sea views. During the summer the balcony is a glorious peaceful place to relax looking out to sea and listening to the waves breaking on the beach."

The price is £625,000

Agent: Fine & Country
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Absolute joy

Little Marley Farm, Kingston

LITTLE Marley Farm is a smallholding comprising a double-fronted Tudor-style cottage, built in about 1910 and standing in gardens of some quarter of an acre, with a further eight acres of paddocks, a separate holiday home converted from an 18th-century brick-and-flint barn and a large modern barn/workshop.

It is situated in a tranquil rural setting, along a very quiet country lane that is sometimes used more frequently by riders on horseback than by motorists. The countryside is perfect for recreational cycling and walking and boasts some superb horse-riding, with many bridle paths stretching for miles.

This is how the owners explain their pleasurable experience of 35 years on the farm…

"The land and its surroundings have presented us with so many opportunities over the years.

"For a long time we ran the farm as a proper smallholding. Our daughter used to love helping out with all the animals – we had horses, some cattle, sheep and pigs.

"We had a static caravan which was very popular with families. Many would come back year after year to stay on the farm and help out with livestock, for their summer holidays. It was more of a hobby for us than anything else, but we did regularly sell chicken and duck eggs. There followed a period when we had a licence from the council to run a dog- and cat-boarding kennel business, which was very successful, and we carried on until it was too much for us to manage

"We have rebuilt an old 18th-century brick-and-flint barn that we used for stabling . We were able to get planning permission about four years ago to rebuild it to use as a holiday cottage, which we let out mainly to family and friends.

"It is a very comfortable two-bedroom cottage with a conservatory and lovely views across the paddocks and fields. It was restored to the building regulations applicable at the time, so it is well insulated, with its own services and a central-heating system."

"Adjacent to the holiday let cottage stands a large barn which has been enormously useful to us over the years and we are sure the new owners of the farm will also consider it a useful asset."

The price is £895,000.

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Majesty by the coast



Grafton Cottage, The Esplanade, Sandgate

GRAFTON Cottage is an exquisite Grade II Regency house which has been extensively modernised to create a fascinating marine residence with panoramic views over the English Channel towards the French coast.

Located in the historic seaside village of Sandgate, it is on the market with joint agents Smith-Woolley & Perry and Knight Frank.

Grafton Cottage is believed to have been built in 1822; it is timber-framed and timber-clad, with rendered stonework to the lower ground-floor level under a slate roof.

The accommodation is arranged over three floors. Highlight features include:

• On the ground floor, a dining room, drawing room, study, cloakroom and toilet.

• On the lower ground floor, a hall and family room with a door to a walk-in wine store and a kitchen/breakfast room. A door from the kitchen leads to a double garage, while off the main hallway are a shower room and laundry room.

• On the first floor, the master bedroom with built-in wardrobe cupboards with triple-louvered doors and an en-suite bathroom. There are two further bedrooms with built-in cupboards and a family bathroom.

The front walled garden is attractively laid to brick and sandstone-paved areas with shrubs and there is a tiered garden to the rear of the property.

The guide price for Grafton Cottage is £795,000.

Agent: Smith-Woolley & Perry
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Stunning Channel views



Spindrift, Brewers Hill, Sandgate

SPINDRIFT is an individual and stylish five-bedroom detached house with spacious and contemporary accommodation. It is situated in an elevated and secluded position with stunning views across the English Channel.

Spindrift is believed to have been built in the late 1980s of brick under a tiled roof with sealed-unit windows in stained-wood surrounds.

Sally Jinks, of Smith-Woolley & Perry, said: "The house is an individual architect-designed property which offers spacious, well-planned accommodation on two floors, and benefits from a sauna.

"The main reception areas and three principal bedrooms with balcony all have stunning views across the pretty landscaped garden to the English Channel beyond."

The interior design has a relaxed, contemporary feel and accommodation comprises an entrance porch, hall and cloakroom, and sitting room with a living-flame gas fire; sliding patio doors lead out to the garden.

A dinning room with double-casement doors leads to a conservatory, with double doors to a covered terrace. The kitchen/breakfast room also leads out to the terrace; a utility room, study/fifth bedroom and convenient shower room and sauna complete the accommodation on the ground floor.

On the first floor is a landing/study area, a master bedroom with a balcony, dressing room and en-suite bathroom; the second and third bedrooms also have balconies. There is a fourth bedroom, shower room and bathroom on this floor.

There is a double garage and a delightful, large established garden surrounding Spindrift which is tiered on various levels with steps leading up to the front door. The garden has an assortment of areas in which to sit and take pleasure in the stunning views of the sea, while the lawn stretches up from the drive with shaped borders encompassing planting and mature trees, providing a secluded garden. A covered terrace next to the house with access from the kitchen/ breakfast room provides a further place for alfresco dining, enveloping the wonderful Mediterranean feel to the property.

To the rear of Sprindrift is a further lawn bordered by mature shrubs and trees with a pergola at the top smothered with wisteria, while a decked area offers an alternative spot in which to relax.

A variety of foliage, including a bank of camellias and a heather bed, enhances this lovely garden and property, which is nestled into the hillside.

Spindrift is priced at £795,000.

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West End of town



Dixwell Road, Folkestone

DIXWELL Road is an impressive and substantial seven-bedroom detached family house of character and well-proportioned accommodation in the heart of Folkestone's fashionable West End.

It is an elegant property believed to have been built around the 1920s of brick with rendered colourwashed elevations under a tiled roof.

An entrance porch and vestibule area, with a cloakroom and WC, leads through to the hallway.

The downstairs accommodation includes three reception rooms and a sitting-room area with an attractive fireplace set in carved wood, a stripped-wood floor, a half-glazed door leading through to a conservatory and an archway to the drawing-room area, which has a decorative marble fireplace with a living-flame coal-effect gas stove, fitted bookshelves and cupboards.

There is also a dining room with double casement doors leading out to the garden, a study, kitchen/breakfast room and utility area.

The first floor comprises a landing with an attractive leaded light window and built-in wardrobe cupboards and fitted bookshelves.

Bedrooms one and three lead out on to a balcony and bedroom one is also en-suite. There is also a family bathroom and separate toilet, shower room and a box room/potential bathroom.

There is a delightful large, west-facing mature garden to the rear of the property.

A sunken garden occupies the far side, while the front garden is partly laid to lawn with a sweeping in-and-out drive and double garage.

The price at £745,000

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Close to beautiful village

Little Standard Farm House, Elham



A PARTICULARLY fine offering of accommodation, this property boasts five double bedrooms, a walk-in wardrobe and some three acres of land.

Situated just outside the rural and picturesque village of Elham, which has amenities including shops, pubs, restaurants, a surgery and a primary school.

Set back from the road via a gated and gravelled driveway, Little Standard Hill Farm House is a versatile five-bedroom property, ideal for a large family or those seeking a piece of the countryside.

The accommodation is set over two storeys. On the ground floor, there is a large entrance hall with a spiral staircase leading up to a gallery landing. The dining area measures 17ft x 16ft, with an exposed brickwork open fireplace, while the lounge has views over the paddocks and measures 22ft x 16ft. Also on the ground floor is a large kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, study and family room.

The first floor comprises a lovely master bedroom with views across the extensive grounds via a roof terrace and has both an en-suite bathroom room/WC and walk-in wardrobe, four further double bedrooms surrounded by countryside views and a separate bathroom/WC.

External to the property, there is a gym room, double garage, large grounds and woodland.

"It is great to have this property on the market in such a lovely area of outstanding beauty close to the picturesque village of Elham," said Antony Ludkins, manager of Connells in Canterbury.

"Little Standard Hill Farm House also has access to the cathedral city of Canterbury, which is about 10 miles away, and Folkestone, which is approximately eight miles away and has access to the Channel Tunnel."

This property is priced for offers in the region of £700,000.

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Rare opportunity





31 York Street, Broadstairs

A UNIQUE double-fronted period-style house and garden apartment with state-of-the art contemporary finishes internally, this property is in the heart of bustling Broadstairs, in a street comprising an eclectic mix of Grade II-listed houses and period properties; it property fits into the surroundings very well.

Just across the street is access to the seafront with its sandy beaches and picturesque gardens, restaurants, shops and bars.

This beautiful home, which was built sympathetically about three years ago to blend in with the existing surroundings, offers everything you need for all the family.

There is the added benefit of an apartment on the lower ground floor, potentially for another family member or holiday let.

There is also plenty of parking, a premium for this location.

The vendors have built this home without compromise; it offers spacious high specification and comfortable living over three floors.

On the ground floor, there is a light and inviting hallway with doors to the cloakroom/utility, lounge/diner and kitchen, with an industrial-style staircase on the lower ground level and up to the higher levels.

All in all, there are five bedrooms, two bathrooms, three reception rooms, a separate cloakroom, utility room, two kitchens, conservatory, beautiful garden, garage and off-road parking.

Also included in the sale is planning consent, which has been recently granted for the erection of a three-bedroom townhouse attached to the existing.

Offered with no forward chain and within just minutes of the town and beach, this is a rare opportunity not be missed.

The price is £700,000.

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Delightful home in heart of lovely North Downs

Geves Chalet Bungalow, Old Wives Lees





THIS delightful detached chalet bungalow, set within about 0.55 acres of land, is located in the sought-after village of Old Wives Lees, on the outskirts of Canterbury.

Set back from the road down a long gated and gravelled driveway, Geves is a wonderful four/five-bedroom property, ideal for a large family or those seeking a spacious and well-presented home in a quiet village location.

The owners have redesigned the interior of the property to what is in our opinion an exeptionally high specification throughout, with both modern and contemporary features.

The accommodation on offer is spaced over two storeys. On the ground floor is a large open-plan living area measuring 49ft x 25ft with exposed brickwork; it is currently divided into a living room, dining room and spacious kitchen.

The kitchen definitely has the wow factor and includes a breakfast bar, double oven with cooker-hood over and a range of modern units for storage to match the high-finish worktops. Also on the ground floor is a utility room, bathroom/WC and a fifth bedroom, which is being used as a study.

The first floor comprises a lovely master bedroom with exposed beams and an en-suite shower room/WC, three further double bedrooms and a separate bathroom/WC.

The property has an outside cloakroom/WC, with a large rear garden mainly laid to lawn with trees, shrubs and a patio area, which would be ideal for sitting out and enjoying the warmer weather.

There are also vegetable patches to grow your own fruit and vegetables, in addition to a pond with a further lawned area to the very rear. The property has a long driveway providing off-street parking for several vehicles and a remote-controlled double garage.



"We are delighted to be marketing this wonderful home in Old Wives Lees, which is on the North Downs, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with lovely countryside walks and views," said Antony Ludkins, manager of Connells in Canterbury.

"The cathedral city of Canterbury is some six miles away and has a wide range of amenities, including some schools with very high reputations."

This property is priced for offers in the region of £700,000.

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2 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks

WITH an ideal location about half a mile from the mainline station and town, the property at 2 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, is ideal for accessibility.

It was built in 1851 and has a master bedroom with stylish and well-proportioned rooms in the Victorian style.

Internally, many of the original features remain, as is evident by the stripped-pine doors, cast-iron fireplaces and stripped floorboards.

There is off-road parking and the rear walled garden has been attractively laid out and planted.

The ground floor consists of a covered porch, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, study, breakfast room and conservatory. There is a lower-ground-floor room and two bedrooms, along with the master upstairs.

This home is priced at £695,000.

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Ideal for a family

13 Turketel Road, Folkestone

THIS is a detached six-bedroom family house with period features in Folkestone's West End. It is believed to have been built around 1910.

Other improvements over the last three years include a new gas-fired boiler and refurbishment of the original radiators. Two new bathrooms have been installed.

The property retains many original features, including fireplaces (although most are not operational), cornices, picture rails, high ceilings, deep skirtings and stained-glass windows in some rooms.

Accommodation is on three floors.

On the ground floor are an entrance porch, vestibule and WC and cloakroom area, leading to a reception hall/dining room with an oak fireplace and a tiled hearth.

There is a drawing room, sitting room and kitchen/breakfast room with double doors leading to the conservatory and garden. A utility room and cellar entrance complete this floor.

On the first floor is a landing with a large stained-glass window, a master bedroom with a pretty bay window and oriel with leaded-light windows and an en-suite bathroom, plus three further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

On the second floor is a landing with built-in wardrobe cupboard, two bedrooms and a door to the attic.

There is a garage and a door to the enclosed garden to the rear of the property, with access from the conservatory to a crazy-paved patio.

A step leads from here to the lawn.

This property is priced at £595,000.

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In a secluded spot

The Paddock, Hawkinge

A UNIQUELY-STYLED detached house in a semi-rural setting, this spacious four-bedroom home commands countryside views to the front and beyond the landscaped gardens.

It is in a wonderfully-secluded position, having fields on two sides, and is approached over a short track.

The situation is perfect for country walks, cycling and horse-riding, yet it also has the advantages associated with living on the edge of an active village scene.

The indoor heated swimming pool and fitness complex is a luxurious addition to the house, occupying a wing with a high vaulted ceiling and mezzanine viewing lounge above one end of the pool.

Twin sets of patio doors open on to a south-facing terrace overlooking the garden and countryside.

Beneath the mezzanine is a multi-gym area with a sauna and off to one side a shower room and WC.

Price range is £550,000-£600,000.

Agent: Fine & Country
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Something for everyone

Longmeads, Tunbridge Wells

SITUATED on the border of Langton Green, with access to its shops and Tunbridge Wells, Longmeads has lots to offer.

Tunbridge Wells is home to The Pantiles and high street with its mixed array of specialist shops, boutiques and restaurants.

The mainline station has direct links to central London within the hour, while there is also the Royal Victoria shopping centre and its high street-branded stores.

The area offers a good choice of primary and secondary schools.

This lovely five-bedroom detached family home is tucked away in the corner of a residential area.

The property has been lovingly improved over the years by its owner and offers wonderful family space. Its features include a double-aspect lounge overlooking the garden, a well-presented (in our opinion) modern kitchen/dining room with doors to the patio and a useful utility area.





Downstairs, there is another reception room currently used as a study that could be turned into a formal dining room, and a downstairs cloakroom.

Outside, to the front, there is a stunning magnolia tree and shrubs, with a long drive giving ample off-road parking for several vehicles and a garage.

The rear garden has to be viewed to appreciate the beautiful borders and shrubs, with a patio area for the grown-ups and room at the back of the garden for slides and a trampoline for the children.

The cost is £550,000.

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Close to quaint village area

Chilton Farmhouse, Ramsgate

HERE is a rare opportunity to acquire this extremely interesting Grade II*-listed double-fronted detached residence with a separate detached annexe, located on a corner plot in the quaint Pegwell village area of Ramsgate.

Built in about 1708 and steeped in history, this home retains a wealth of features and charm that you would expect for a property 300 years old.

The main part of the house was built by the Curlinge family, some of whom left for America after the fall of Cromwell and are photographed in The National Archives.

The farmhouse consists of spacious accommodation comprising five double bedrooms in the main house, three large reception rooms, a farmhouse kitchen, dual staircases, several bathrooms and galleried areas over three floors.

There is a large cellar and smugglers' tunnel in the lower-ground-floor areas accessible from the inner lobby of the main house.

The detached annexe, which is to the rear of the farmhouse, consists of three large rooms over two floors and would make a perfect annexe for additional family members or equally an investment holiday cottage.

As you enter the annexe, there are two rooms on the ground floor, one containing the old ovens as it was originally the bake house.

Adjacent to the old bake house room is another room which is currently used as a utility. Upstairs there is a large open-plan room that would make the perfect studio-style guest room with en-suite and offering lovely views over the gardens of the house and farmland.

There are extensive gardens wrapping around the property and scope to extend the private parking to the front, or indeed erect a garage if required.

Nearby Pegwell Bay has uninterrupted views of the sea, unprotected sea cliffs and a sandy bay. The Viking ship Hugin sits pride of place overlooking the sea.

Chilton Farmhouse is priced at £550,000.

Agent: Terence Painter Properties
01843 866866
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So many amenities are nearby

11 Warwick Road, Tunbridge Wells

WARWICK Road is located just off the high street in the sought-after 'village' area of Tunbridge Wells, being convenient for the specialist shops, boutiques, cafés, restaurants and bars in the high street and within a short walk of Tunbridge Wells station, which provides fast and frequent train services to London and the south coast.

The property is close to The Grove Park – a delightful park with a children's play area.

The town centre is about three-quarters of a mile from the property and includes the Royal Victoria Place shopping mall and the Calverley Road precinct, where most of the multiple retailers are represented. The area in general offers good educational facilities, both state and independent, for children of all ages.

The area is also well served with good recreational amenities including two theatres, Tunbridge Wells sports and indoor tennis centre in St John's Road and golf, cricket and rugby clubs, while on the outskirts of the town is the Knights Park leisure centre, which offers a multiscreen cinema and a tenpin bowling complex.

The town house has three or four bedrooms – whichever is the choice of the residents – and one or two reception rooms. There is a roof terrace.

The price is £525,000.





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South-facing rear garden

4 Coppice Mews, Tunbridge Wells

COPPICE Mews is in a prime residential part of Tunbridge Wells, within the favoured southern area of the town.

Tunbridge Wells town centre is about one-and- a-quarter miles distant; it has a wide selection of everyday shopping facilities, many of which can be found at the Royal Victoria Place shopping mall and the Calverley Road precinct.

More specialist shops are in the historic high street and Pantiles.

Tunbridge Wells station provides a fast and regular train service to both London Charing Cross and Cannon Street as well as Ashford International station via Tonbridge.

Within the town is a wide selection of schools, both state and private, for children of all ages, the nearest primary school being the popular Claremont County.

Recreational amenities within the area include several golf courses, the Tunbridge Wells sports and indoor tennis centre in St John's Road, while out of town there is the Knights Park leisure centre, where there is a multiplex cinema, tenpin bowling complex and an Esporta health club.



The property itself is a spacious three-storey town house with two or three reception rooms and three or four bedrooms.

It was built by Millwood Designer Homes and also has a south-facing rear garden with an allocated parking space.

The price range is £450,000 to £475,000.

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Georgian home is back in fine shape

12 Nelson Place, Broadstairs

AN immensely-attractive Georgian house which benefits from having been recently refurbished to an exceptionally high standard is available.

The present owners, Andrea and Colin, tell how they came to find and restore this stunning property:

"Our attraction to this quaint, unspoilt seaside town originated from fond memories of countless family holidays in Broadstairs. So naturally when we decided to move to Kent five years ago, Broadstairs became our first and only choice, as a desired location to find a new home," said Colin.

Andrea said: "We liked the character of the houses and cottages in the older parts of the town and with our specific list of requirements set about finding a home in one of the many conservation areas, as close as possible to the shops, bars and restaurants around the harbour.

"It was a search that was to prove particularly difficult because of our insistence that we needed to have good off-road parking for several cars."

Colin continued: "Eventually we found this lovely Georgian house in Nelson Place – only it was not so lovely when we found it, but it did have the required off-road parking and masses of potential.

"We immediately engaged the services of a local architect and then a project manager, as we were still living in Stanstead, to oversee the entire refurbishment works, which were carried out by a professional building company from start to finish."

"Another year passed before the house was sufficiently finished and ready for us to move into. We would visit at weekends to check on the progress and can remember standing in the basement and being able to look right up into the attic.

"The whole of the interior had been removed before being finally reinstated, many months later. We find it very reassuring that in every respect the house functions as a new home and very satisfying that in restoring this fine character home we have given it a new lease of life.

"As for Broadstairs, it has certainly met our original expectations of being a friendly and welcoming town where it is easy to feel part of the community. We have greatly enjoyed the experience of the house and its surroundings, but with more grandchildren arriving, we feel the time has come to move closer to our family."

The price is £460,000.

Agent: Fine & Country
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Cottage is set in a quiet location

Garden Cottage, Broadstairs

A BEAUTIFULLY- presented, individually-designed detached house, built by the current owners some seven years ago, Garden Cottage is tucked away in a quiet cul-de-sac on the outskirts of the town. This very desirable property needs to be seen to appreciate what the current vendors have achieved without compromise.

On the ground floor there are two large reception rooms and a cloakroom, plus a spacious kitchen/breakfast room, creating a real family entertaining space, with vaulted ceilings and garden views.

There are four double bedrooms, a bathroom, en-suite shower room and dressing room on the first floor, while outside there is an enclosed structured rear garden with a pitched-roof enclosure and a block-paved driveway to the front.

Entrance to the property is via a solid-wooden door with glazed insert and sidelights, leading into the spacious entrance hall.

The main lounge is a spacious dual-aspect room with a double-glazed window to the front and glazed French doors and windows to the rear garden. This room has an open fireplace with a cast-iron fire basket and an optional gas point, three radiators, coved ceilings and carpet flooring.

At the front of the property sits the dining room, a lovely entertaining room with a double-glazed window to the front, quality vinyl flooring, a radiator and decorative coved ceilings.

An impressive family kitchen and breakfast room with a vaulted and part-glazed ceiling is at the rear of the house and overlooks the delightful gardens.

This custom-made kitchen features an extensive range of wall and base units and plate and wine racks; it features granite worksurfaces and a one-and-a-half-bowl sink with granite drainer.

There is a quality range-style double oven with induction hob and extractor over, integrated dishwasher, fridge and freezer, plus a central island and breakfast bar seating area.

There are ceiling downlights, under-unit lighting, quality vinyl flooring, a radiator and a door to the utility room.

This area has ample space for a family-sized table and chairs, quality vinyl flooring, a radiator with radiator cover and coved ceilings with downlights.

Also located on the ground floor is a spacious cloakroom/WC and utility room.

On the first floor is a beautiful master bedroom suite with a double-glazed window to the front and doors at the opposite end, leading to the dressing room and en-suite.

This room has carpet flooring, a further double-glazed window to the side with obscure glass, a radiator and an ornate fireplace.

There are three further bedrooms on the first floor and a family bathroom with bath and shower.

To the rear of the property is a well-designed and structured garden with an abundance of planted sections, climbers and trees.

The garden has a mixture of paved seating areas, a shaped lawn and decked sections, a large pergola with brick pillars and decorative trellises.

To the far right is a useful pitched-roof, open-fronted summerhouse divided into three sections for versatile uses.

There is outside lighting, a water tap and access to the side/front.

The property is offered by Terence Painter for £450,000.

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Extended home is ideal for a family

Swinburne Avenue, Broadstairs

A BEAUTIFUL and recently-extended period semi-detached house with a wealth of space for all the family, this home is in one of the town's most sought-after locations in terms of schooling, colleges, town and beaches.

It has been extended significantly and now offers superb-sized accommodation you don't often see.

This truly is a one-off property in terms of size and proximity to the town and beach.

There are no single rooms – in fact, there are eight double-bedrooms, three bathrooms and four reception rooms, along with the perfect family kitchen.

There is lots of sociable space for entertaining friends, plenty of off-road parking and a beautiful rear garden incorporating a 45ft log cabin.

The house is in fantastic condition throughout, with a Mistral staircase clearly showing the three floors up; there are natural wood finishes, an extensive modern kitchen and new bathrooms.

Located in central Broadstairs, this house is in the ideal location for amenities and transport links, providing easy access to the adjacent towns, supermarkets and Westwood Cross shopping centre.

This residence would be ideal for the growing family and perfect to accommodate students, or to use as a bed-and-breakfast.

The price of this property has been considerably altered and is set to sell quickly; it is also offered with no forward chain. Do not miss this opportunity to acquire such a substantial house with nothing to do. The price is £425,000.

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Heated pool adds the feel of luxury

Castle Way, Leybourne

THIS is an excellent opportunity to obtain an extended three-bedroom detached home with a swimming pool and plenty of space.

It has a groundfloor entrance porch with cloakroom and lounge and a dining room and sunroom also on the ground floor.

The first floor has a master bedroom with front-aspect double-glazed bay window with feature curved radiator, solid bamboo flooring, built-in wardrobes and mirror-fronted doors. The floor has two other bedrooms with a bathroom.

The front garden has ample parking and several trees surround it, while the rear garden has a detached garage and small drive to the side, with a paved patio area, raised flower beds and a wide set of steps leading to the heated pool and lawned area.

The price is £400,0000- £425,000.

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Highfield House, Longfield Hill

HIGHFIELD House is an individually-designed, six-bedroom, five-bathroom detached house with double garage in Longfield Hill, near Gravesend.

Set in a secluded position off a cul-de-sac, this unique property benefits from lovely views over farmland to the rear and, at just over 4,000 sq ft in size, it offers spacious accommodation and will be finished to a superior specification.

This includes fitted kitchen to buyer's choice; Ideal Standard sanitaryware in bathrooms and en-suites; fully-tiled bathrooms with roll-top bath and vanity units; ceramic floor tiles in the hallway, kitchen and utility room; underfloor heating on the ground floor; surround-sound speaker system; fireplace in the lounge; feature pelmet lighting in the lounge and master bedroom… and much more.

The accommodation comprises on the ground floor a lounge, dining room, kitchen with conservatory, utility room, study and cloakroom; on the first floor a good-sized landing area, master bedroom suite plus two further bedrooms with en-suite shower plus another bedroom and family bathroom; and on the second floor two bedrooms plus family bathroom.

Longfield train station provides a regular service to London Victoria in under 30 minutes and the high-speed rail link at Ebbsfleet station is a short distance away.

Highfield House is nearing completion and viewings are available. It is priced at £870,000 and incentives are available.

Agent: RPC Land & New Homes
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So close to amenities

The Mazarine, Aldington



THE Mazarine is a five-bedroom detached house in Aldington, which has a primary school, shops and pubs.

Ashford is only 20 minutes away and boasts a multiplex cinema, swimming pools, health clubs, restaurants and bars. Excellent transport links are available from Ashford, with access to the M20 and an international train station.

The property has a large sociable kitchen/breakfast room with integrated fridge-freezer, dishwasher, wide multi-function oven, six-burner gas hob and stainless steel and glass chimney hood.

There is a separate dining room and utility room off the kitchen and double doors leading to the rear garden.

Downstairs is a cloakroom, under-stairs storage, study/office and a large lounge that has double doors leading to the garden. Upstairs the master bedroom features an en-suite and walk-in wardrobe.

Bedroom two also benefits from an en-suite and has two built-in double wardrobes. There are a further two double bedrooms, one single bedroom and family bathroom on the first floor.

There is a double garage and drive and from the enclosed rear garden you can access a further usable room above the garage.

The price is £509,950.

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Three left!

Providence Park, Fintonagh Drive, Penenden Heath



PROVIDENCE Park is a collection of five-bedroom detached houses in a gated development within the grounds of a former convent and home to the Sisters of Providence, Fintonagh House.

The convent will ultimately be restored and converted to form a selection of individual luxury apartments and coach houses – this will form phase two.

All properties are finished to the highest specification, with attention to detail being paramount to the developer. This includes fitted kitchens with granite work surfaces; Zanussi appliances such as double electric ovens, five-ring gas hobs, integrated fridge-freezer, dishwasher, microwave and wine coolers.

On the ground floor, each house enjoys a separate lounge, dining room, utility room and study. On the first floor are five good-sized bedrooms, with the master and second bedrooms both having en-suite shower rooms and fitted wardrobes, with three further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The properties all have an integral garage and driveway for further parking, plus turfed south-east-facing gardens.

Secluded, yet well positioned, Providence Park is the ideal location for modern-day living as it provides easy access to amenities yet is within a mile's drive of junctions 6 and 7 of the M20.

Just off Boxley Road, Fintonagh Drive is within easy reach of Maidstone town centre with its fantastic shopping and Maidstone East station (services to Victoria and Cannon Street in about an hour).

Only three properties remain – there is a guide price of £550,000.

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Great and gated



Cedar-Gate Court, Snodland

CEDAR-GATE Court is an exclusive private gated development of just four four-bedroom detached homes.

Situated in popular Hollow Lane, Snodland, the properties offer spacious and high-specification accommodation in a convenient setting, with the M20 and M2 both within easy driving distance and Snodland train station offering services to London St Pancras in about 50 minutes.

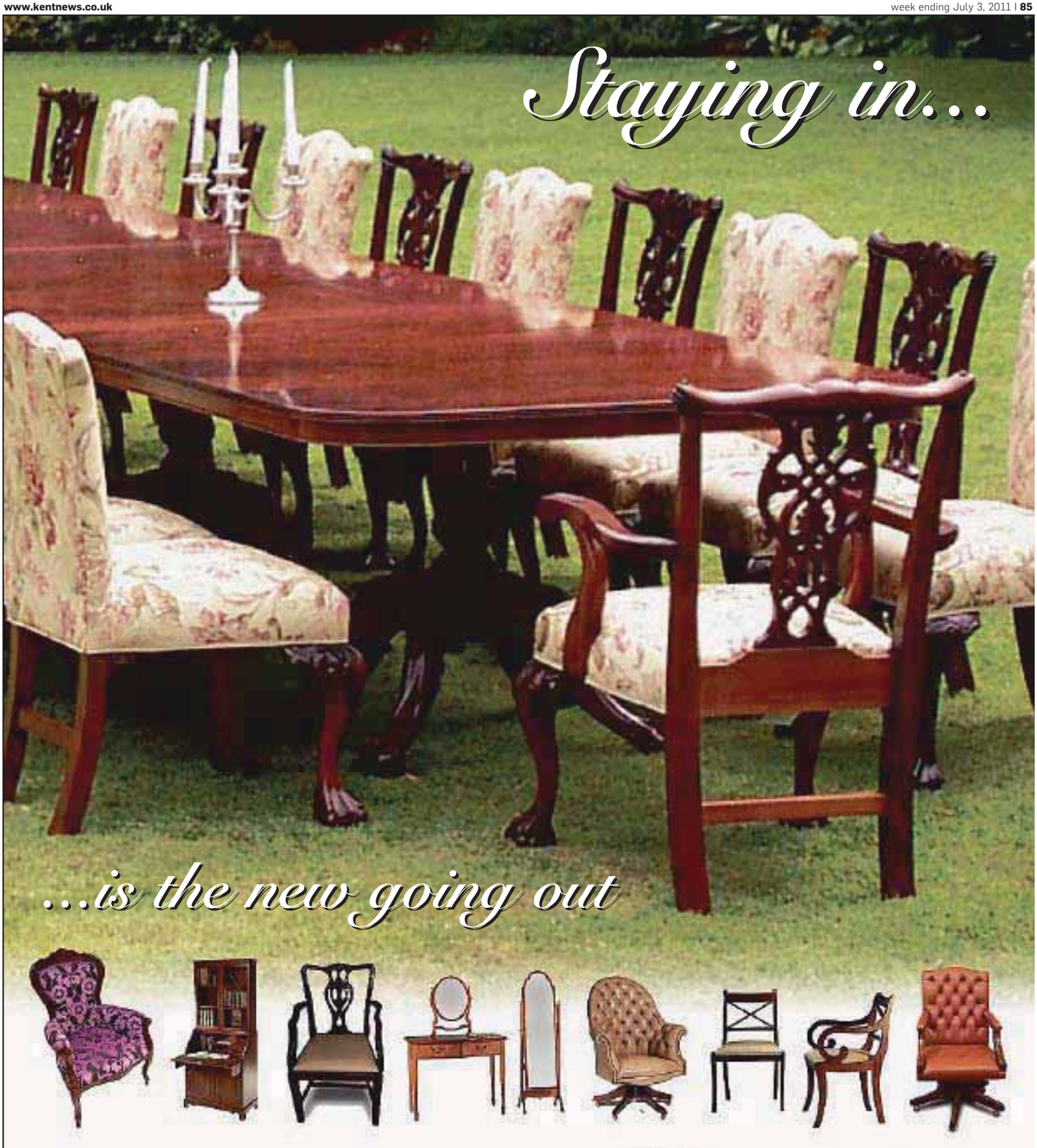
Each of the detached houses has been designed to a high standard and includes quality finishes such as Porcelanosa sanitary ware, taps and tiles to bathrooms and en-suites; fitted kitchens with Bosch and Hotpoint integrated appliances; down-lighters and coloured runway-style plinth lighting in kitchens; wall-to-wall fitted wardrobes in gloss white to the master bedroom; fitted carpets and Porcelanosa floor tiles throughout; plus turfed and landscaped rear gardens.

The homes are ready for occupation and viewings are now available. Only three of the four homes remain and, with prices from £395,000 plus incentives available, these superb homes are not likely to be around for long.

For your appointment to visit Cedar-Gate Court and to view the benefits of living within a small gated development and discuss the advantages of owning a new home, please call the selling agents.

The properties are priced at £395,000.

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Little IQ goes a long way

By Sam Davison
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TOYOTA'S little IQ asks a big question of its buyers.

Do you need car to get you car to get you around town or take you on long journeys?

On the face of it, the answer doesn't require cheating. At just three metres long with space for two adults and two kids in the back (just), the little Toyota is pretty obviously a townie.

Look harder though, as we did in a week-long runaround, and the answer is less clear cut because, despite being only a hand's width longer than the rival Smart ForTwo, the IQ can venture confidently beyond the city limits.

The secret of its success here is a wide track that makes sitting in the front of the IQ feel like a car from a bigger class. You also sit lower than the Smart so it feels more grown-up on the motorway and less prone to pitching fore and aft despite its short wheelbase – a problem for the higher and narrower Smart.

It is but one sign of the IQ expended on the Toyota baby though. The Japanese marque and world No1 carmaker says it came up with 'six degrees of innovation' to build this car.

They add up to a redesign of how cars are made: re-arranged seating, a midships underfoor fuel tank, squeezing the heater/air con by 20 per cent – after all, the car is smaller – and shrinking the engine compartment by re-locating the steering mechanism and differential.

Most noticeable though is the staggered front seats; the front passenger sits slightly forward of the driver, allowing an adult passenger to sit behind, while the seat behind the driver is only suitable for a child – the IQ is, at best, '3+1'.

However, with adequate motorway cruising ability across both engine options, most buyers may recognise the layout delivers most needs even if the seat behind the driver serves mostly as the boot – space behind the rear seats being almost laughable.

Such a tiny car inevitably raises a crash safety issue though and Smart reassured the market with a TV ad showing a ForTwo being struck for real by a demolition wrecking ball.

Toyota has not resorted to such shock tactics as far as I know, but the robust bodywork is designed to disperse impact forces away from the passenger cell, and has the insurance of nine airbags as standard, including the world's first rear window airbag.

Small the IQ might be, cheap it is not. Prices start at £10,445, so you could buy a decent full four-seat hatchback and still have change.

On the other hand, you are making a lifestyle statement with the IQ and Toyota has pitched equipment levels and quality far higher up the scale than some more conventional bargain runabouts.

There is also a green card in play; the junior 67bhp 1.0-litre IQ with a five-speed manual gearbox is so low emission that it escapes road tax and should average 60+mpg without trying.

Our test car had the same engine but was mated with the automatic Multidrive 'box, a continuously variable transmission unit.

With its stepless changing of gear according to demand from the throttle, it would appear to be the ideal combination in town, but the auto hinders the car's already stately acceleration and boosts emissions slightly to incur road tax.

There is another option though: a 97bhp 1.33-litre IQ with more zip whether you go manual or auto.

Whichever you choose though, it will have that IQ label. It's a stroke of genius, highlighting the thought that has gone into the little car, and flattering people bright enough to buy it.

TOYOTA IQ-2 1.0 CVT AUTO : PRICE £12,505



BABY STEPS: The Toyota IQ has grown up and is ready to venture beyond the city limits

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Frugal Jag in BMW territory

JAGUAR says it has produced its most efficient model ever – a 2.2-litre four-cylinder engine version of the 2012 model year XF range due in September.

To prove it, this version has just completed an 816-mile journey on one tank of diesel, averaging 57mpg. The journey? From Jaguar's Birmingham plant to Munich – the heartland of German arch-rival BMW.



Sun's shining on new Lexus

JAPANESE premium brand Lexus has shown its sunshine appeal with a Limited Edition IS 250C – the folding hardtop model based on its junior executive IS saloon – and priced £39,990.

For those who want the sun without the wind-in-the-hair sensation, Lexus offers a £900 panoramic glass roof on its RX 450h SE-I hybrid SUV.



Cherokee still an eco warrior

JEEP – the all-American 4x4 icon now owned by Fiat – has launched a new Jeep Grand Cherokee designed to uphold its tradition of affordable premium on- and off-road ability.

It benefits from work to cut emissions and fuel consumption and starts from £36,795 with the 3.0 CRD V6 Limited diesel – the flagship Overland starts from £43,995.

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VW celebrating 35 years of GTi with special edition

TO CELEBRATE the 35th anniversary of the original hot hatch, Volkswagen has announced the first details of the latest special-edition Golf GTI model – the Golf GTI Edition 35.

With an increase in power of 25 PS (24bhp) over the 'standard' car, the Edition 35 develops 235 PS (233bhp) and is the most powerful production Golf GTI to date.

Since the debut of the first Golf GTI in 1976, the iconic model has enjoyed an uninterrupted history of success spanning 35 years.

During this time, the GTI has become a car with cult appeal as well as an independent brand, and milestone GTI anniversaries have been celebrated with exclusive special models, and Volkswagen continues this tradition with the Edition 35.

In addition to the increase in power, the Edition 35 combines classic GTI design





ICONIC: The Golf GTi has come a long way since 1976

elements with features specially created for this latest anniversary model.

A revised front bumper is joined by lightweight 18-inch alloy wheels while, in the cabin, the golfball gearknob makes a return. To mark this special edition further, the '35' signature appears on the front wings, sill plates, head restraints and the centre panel of the seats.

This model will make its world debut at the legendary GTI event at Wörthersee in Austria at the start of June.

The Golf GTI Edition 35 will open for order in the UK later this year. Prices and full UK specification will be announced soon.





Citroën delivers latest gem in form of sleek DS4 coupé

CITROËN'S premium DS line breaks new ground with the arrival of the dynamic new DS4 mid-size five-door coupé model.

Following on from the BMW Mini-bashing DS3, the latest DS has already been voted Most Beautiful Car Of The Year by more than 60,000 web-users in 62 countries, as well as bagging several other international awards.

Citroën says its newcomer combines head-turning good looks with an unrivalled driving experience.

Designed first and foremost as a sleek coupé, but with five-door flexibility and a commanding, raised stance, the DS4 takes the French marque's 'Créative Technologie' stance to a whole new level.

Eye-catching lines are enhanced by a chrome-finished waistline and dark-tinted windows. Sculpted wheel arches emphasise stylish alloys – available up to 19 inches.

The taut roofline and rear spoiler add extra prowess and yet the car is as practical as it is stylish, says Citroën; three full-size rear seats are accessed via seamlessly-integrated rear doors, with handles encased in the car's extended window frames.

The DS4 range starts at £18,150 for the VTi 120 manual DSign. The petrol THP 200 six-speed manual DSport flagship is priced at £23,650, while the top diesel HDi 160 six-speed manual DSport is £23,950.

Customers can pre-order now, with first deliveries from the official 'on sale' date of Monday, July 4.



Models shown ^AYGO Go! 1.0l 3 door manual £9,195, includes £300 customer saving and £255 Centre contribution from the manufacturer's list price. #Yaris T Spirit 1.0l 3 door manual £11,495, includes £1,000 customer saving and £200 Centre contribution from the manufacturer's list price. ‡Auris TR 1.33 3 door manual at £13,825, includes £1,500 customer saving and £730 Centre contribution from manufacturer's list price. ≠Verso TR 1.6 7 Seat MPV £19,610. All prices correct at time of going to press. Metallic paint £420 extra. †6 months free fuel amount is equivalent to £503 on AYGO, £557 on Yaris, £645 on Auris, £437 on Auris Hybrid and £596 on Verso which will be issued on a prepaid visa card. Amounts based on official combined fuel consumption figures for an AYGO 1.0l manual 61.4mpg, Yaris 1.0 TR manual 55.4mpg , Auris 1.33 TR 48.7mpg , Auris Hybrid 1.8 T Spirit 70.6mpg, Verso 2.0 D TR 53.3mpg over an average of 5000 miles (Source: Parkers Guide - www.parkers.co.uk). Fuel cost based on UK average unleaded 95 Octane Petrol of 136p as per "www.petrolprices.com" on Thursday 26 May 2011. Offer available on new retail sales when ordered between 1 June and 30 September 2011 and registered by 31 December 2011. 5 year/100,000 mile manufacturer warranty subject to terms and conditions. *Free servicing offer and 6.9% APR representative only available for new retail orders of model shown between 1 June and 30 September 2011 and registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services, Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ, before 31 December 2011 on an AccessToyota (PCP) plan. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services. Free servicing offer includes the first two scheduled services at an official Toyota Centre (every 10,000 miles or 12 months whichever is first). Terms and conditions apply.

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2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles....£15,495
2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles....£14,995
2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FADED DENIM, 19000 miles....£14,995
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A5, Coupe 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 22812 miles, £25000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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A6, 1.9 TDi 130 SE, 2005, blue, 122000 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7T QUATTRO SPORT, 2002, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys cd player front armrest body coloured bumpers lumbar support height adj drivers seat, blue, 78000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7 TDi S-LINE MULTITRONIC, 2006, quartz, 62000 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, TDI QUATTRO 240 S-LINE, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys automatic cd player central locking immobiliser power fold mirrors lumbar support rear headrests grey, 14033 miles, £35000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, 3.0 Tdi Se Tiptronic, 2008, abs brakes automatic transmission cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags column 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, black, 16588 miles, £27000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, 2.0T FSI, 2006, silver, 63000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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KALOS, SE (AC), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning silver, 10019 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MATIZ, S, 2007, alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows fwin airbags poly silver, 36703 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 30509 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 30509 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIAT

500, POP, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows immobiliser power steering, minimal grey, 30780 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, MULITJET POP, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel electric windows power steering, silver, 5532 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 1.2 LOUNGE, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cmultiple airbags black, 2758 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)
Bravo,

CROMA, 1.9 MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, grey, 48073 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CROMA, 1.9 MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, grey, 48073 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 MULTIJET FAMILY - 7 SEATER, 2008, abs brakes cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, rumba red, 25991 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 Multijet Active, 2007, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer remote space saver spare wheel, mtallic bolero red, 21000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIORINO, 60 plate1.3 Dsl base Call Waheeda 07825 670994, 2010, cd player, white, 10 miles, £7500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIORINO, 1.3 16v MULTIJET**Call Waheeda 07825670994**, 2010, cd player diesel, white, 10 miles, £7500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 1000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes alloys electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, red, 27000 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE

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* **08 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.4 16V (85 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
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* **08 Plate. Skoda Fabia 2 1.2 HTP 12V (70 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback**
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* **10 Plate. Skoda Fabia 1.2 (70 BHP) SE 5-Dr Hatchback**
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* **07 Plate. Skoda Superb 2.0 TDI PD 140 Elegance 4-Dr Saloon**
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* **08 Plate. Skoda Octavia 1.9 TDI PD Ambiente 5-Dr Hatchback**
Satin Grey Metallic Manual Diesel with black interior 13,750 miles £10,495

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* **55 Plate. Fiat Panda 1.1 Active 5-Door Hatchback**
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* **06 Plate. Renault Megane 1.6 VVT Privilege Coupe Cabriolet**
Finished in Black Metallic with a Beige Velour - Leather interior, 23,500 miles. £7,295
* **04 Plate. Citroen Xsara Picasso 1.6 HDi Exclusive 5-Dr MPV**
Cool Mint Metallic Manual Diesel with a Grey cloth interior, 47,712 miles £5,495
* **05 Plate. Citroen C5 1.6 HDi 16v 110 Design 5-Dr**
Beige Metallic Manual Diesel 47,500 miles £4,995
* **09 Plate. Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Zetec 3-Dr Hatchback**
Red Manual Diesel with a Black cloth interior 34,449 miles £8,995
* **54 Plate. Honda Civic 2.0 Type S 5-Dr Hatchback**
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* **06 Plate. Peugeot Partner Combo MPV 1.6 HDi 90 Escapade**
Aluminium Metallic Manual Diesel with a silver cloth interior 21,500 miles £5,995
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ALFA ROMEO

159, 3.2 V6 JTS Q4 LUSSO, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player climate control electric windows immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers height adj drivers seat, black, 30376 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

159, 2.4 JTDM LUSSO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 28347 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

159, 1.9 JTDM 16v LUSSO, 2008, abs brakes air con alloys cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, alfa red, 70000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRERA, 2.4 JTDM SV, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 28347 miles, £13000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRERA, 2.4 JTDM SV, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 28347 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

AUDI

A3, SE FSI, 2006, air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags remote central locking, mauve met. 24500 miles, £9500, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

A3, sport tdi, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd sports seats tinted glass trip computer remote central locking multi functional tunepoint (i-pod and mp3 connection) heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, atral silver, 20490 miles, £11000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

A4, S LINE, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sports seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags xenon headlamps remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear headrests heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, silver, 21500 miles, £22000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A4, FSI S Line Multitronic, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, blue, 47365 miles, £13500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A5, Coupe 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 22812 miles, £25000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A5, Coupe 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 22812 miles, £25000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A6, 1.9 TDi 130 SE, 2005, blue, 122000 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7T QUATTRO SPORT, 2002, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys cd player front armrest body coloured bumpers lumbar support height adj drivers seat, blue, 78000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7 TDi S-LINE MULTITRONIC, 2006, quartz, 62000 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, TDI QUATTRO 240 S-LINE, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys automatic cd player central locking immobiliser power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering reverse remote central locking isofix child seat points auto headlights and wipers adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear headrests 3x3 point heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, grey, 14033 miles, £35000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, 3.0 Tdi Se Tiptronic, 2008, abs brakes automatic transmission cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags column 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, black, 16588 miles, £27000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, 2.0T FSI, 2006, silver, 63000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 T Quattro, 2001, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels electric windows front fog lights half leather trim heated seats immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, silver, 25000 miles, £9500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, 2.0 VCDi LTX 7 SEATS, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, tbc, 64000 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CAPTIVA, 2.0 VCDi LTX 7 SEATS, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, tbc, 64000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CAPTIVA, 2.0 VCDi LTX 7 SEATS, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls body coloured bumpers rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, tbc, 64000 miles, £14000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

KALOS, SE (AC), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 10019 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

KALOS, SE (AC), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 10019 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MATIZ, S, 2007, alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags body coloured bumpers, poly silver, 36703 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 30509 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 30509 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIAT

500, POP, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows immobiliser power steering, minimal grey, 30780 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, MULITJET POP, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel electric windows power steering, silver, 5532 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 1.2 LOUNGE, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cmultiple airbags black, 2758 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)
Bravo,

CROMA, 1.9 MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, grey, 48073 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CROMA, 1.9 MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, grey, 48073 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 MULTIJET FAMILY - 7 SEATER, 2008, abs brakes cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, rumba red, 25991 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 Multijet Active, 2007, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer remote space saver spare wheel, mtallic bolero red, 21000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIORINO, 60 plate1.3 Dsl base Call Waheeda 07825 670994, 2010, cd player, white, 10 miles, £7500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIORINO, 1.3 16v MULTIJET**Call Waheeda 07825670994**, 2010, cd player diesel, white, 10 miles, £7500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 1000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes alloys electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, red, 27000 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint, blue, 55 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, Multijet Eleganza, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloys cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, blue, 15000 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 2.0, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser, blue, 55 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, Multijet Dynamic Plus, 2010, abs brakes cd central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PANDA, 1.1 ACTIVE, 2008, cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover twin airbags, yellow, 7161 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PANDA, Dynamic, 2005, abs brakes cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, turquoise, 32527 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PANDA, 1.1 Active Eco, 2010, abs brakes central locking electric windows twin airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch isofix child seat points adjustable steering column, white, 50 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.2 Active, 2003, cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support, metallic crystal green, 52008 miles, £2600, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.2, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows half leather trim immobiliser, black, 55 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

QUBO, Multijet Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10 miles, £11500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRAD

QUBO, Multijet Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, grey, 4331 miles, £10500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

SCUDO, Combi 9 Seat LWB A/C METALLIC REAR PARK, 2010, air conditioning cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering remote central locking, met grey, 100 miles, £15400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

SCUDO, 1.6 COMFORT 90 L1Call Waheeda 07825670994, 2010, abs brakes cd player diesel immobiliser power steering side load door remote central locking, blue, 18000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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DISCOVERY, 2.7TD V6 SE, 2006, 4x4 abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser multi cd player multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation tinted glass traction control trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column lumbar support height adj drivers seat, silver, 48721 miles, £21495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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2005 05 Reg SAAB 9-5 2.3HOT Aero, 5 Doors, Manual, Estate, Petrol, 91,350 miles, Metallic silver, 2 Owners. ABS, Alloy wheels, Cruise control, Roof rails, Radio/Cassette, Radio/CD, Rear headrests, Traction control, 3x3 point rear seat belts, Alarm, Elec door mirrors/windows, PAS, Remote central locking, Trip computer, Leather seat trim, Insurance Group: 17 **£5,995**

SAAB 9-5 2.0T Vector, 4 Doors, Manual, Saloon, Petrol, 2003 03 Reg , 93,137 miles, Metallic Grey, 4 Owners. ABS, Alloy wheels, Cruise control, Front armrest, Headlight washers, Folding rear seats, Passenger airbag, Rear armrest, Radio/Cassette, Side airbags, Radio/CD, Rear headrests, Sports seats, Traction control, Audio remote control, Body coloured bumpers, Drivers airbag, Electric door mirrors, Front electric windows, Front fog lights, Front head restraints, Heated door mirrors, Isofix child seat anchor points, PAS, Steering wheel rake adjustment, 3x3 point rear seat belts, Alarm, Rear electric windows, Remote central locking, Steering wheel reach adjustment, Trip computer. Insurance Group: 13E **£3,495**

OTHER MAKES

VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.4 SE, 3 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 2001 Y Reg, 48,812 miles, Black, 4 Owners. ABS, Alloy wheels, Central locking, Electric sunroof, Folding rear seats, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Radio/Cassette, Rear headrests, Service indicator, Space saver spare wheel, Body coloured bumpers, Drivers airbag, Electric door mirrors, Front electric windows, Front fog lights, Front head restraints, Heated door mirrors, Height adjustable drivers seat, Isofix child seat anchor points, PAS, Rear wiper, Steering wheel rake adjustment. Insurance Group: 7 **£2,595**

2000 W Reg PEUGEOT 306 1.6 Meridian, 5 Doors, Manual, Hatchback, Petrol, 53,164 miles, Metallic RED, 2 Owners. ABS, Air conditioning, Alloy wheels, Immobiliser, Passenger airbag, Radio/Cassette, Radio/CD, Sports seats, Audio remote control, Body coloured bumpers, Elec mirrors/windows, PAS, Remote central locking, Trip computer, Insurance Group: 5E **£1,750** SOLD

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Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

'No truth behind retirement talk'

I WAS back behind the wheel of the Motorbase Porsche last weekend for the Carrera World Cup at the Nurburgring and I'm thrilled to return home having won the Carrera Cup GB section of the race.

It's the one race of the year you want to win, without any shadow of doubt. It was in front of the Porsche bosses, on the most challenging circuit in the world and it's the race which gives you the bragging rights.

When you're part of something like that, to have the best Carrera Cup drivers from all over the world, in front of 300,000 spectators, it's something very special. You're living on your nerves the whole time.

The Nurburgring certainly lived up to its fearsome reputation. The average speed is 171 kilometres per hour and you're approaching some blind crests at 160mph, with very little run-off. You're really testing every element of your ability as a driver, not just bravery and finesse but your concentration.

As I'm not doing any more Porsche Carrera Cup GB racing racing this season, it was good to be back in the car six days after winning at Croft in the Ginettas.

Motorbase did a really good job with the set-up of the car, both in the wet and the dry. The car looked fantastic and the only problem was a broken splitter, so that's a pretty good success rate.

The rain definitely added another dimension to the race and the German drivers, who've raced there in the rain before, had some extra experience and knowledge. It's a demanding circuit and you have to concentrate unbelievably hard.

The start of my year wasn't particularly good and in racing, you're only as good as your last race. People were quick to write me off but I've won two on the trot now. People thought I'd retired, but I certainly haven't. I've proved to myself and everybody else that I can still do it at the highest level and I definitely want to carry on racing.

As in all sports, you're only judged on your last performance. People are very quick to jump on the bandwagon without knowing the whole story and at my age [49], it was very easy for people to think I'd lost it, that I'd turned a corner and I can't do it any more.

The race was certainly a huge PR success for Porsche and it required a lot of support from the teams and the drivers. I'd like to think they will do it again.

SUPERBIKES

World Superbike ride a non-starter for Shakey with BSB title at stake

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Picture: HONDA RACING



SHANE Byrne insists he was never in line to make a shock mid-season return to the World Superbike Championship (WSB) despite reports which named him as a possible deputy for injured rider Jonathan Rea.

The Sheppey racer, having spent two seasons in WSB, was put forward as a viable candidate to ride Rea's Castrol Honda bike after the 24-year-old was ruled out of next weekend's races in the Czech Republic. However, the seat has instead gone to Alex Lowes and Byrne felt such a move would not have been right for him.

Back in the British Superbike Championship (BSB) with HM Plant Honda this season, Shakey leads the riders' standings by 31 points in his bid for a third title. While the lure of a WSB return is obvious, he stressed there would have been too much at stake to justify a one-off appearance in place of Rea at Brno.

"My job is to concentrate on BSB racing with HM Plant Honda and the job's going pretty well so far," he said. "I would have jeopardised that by getting on someone else's bike for one race because I know how difficult it is in WSB, everything has to be perfect to get a good result.

"I think it was spoken about by a lot of people who weren't the ones that mattered. If that's what Honda wanted, I would have been told.

"To go and ride somebody else's bike, you might come back and not quite click with your own bike.

"Alex can do it, there's no issue there, but it depends what you've got on the line. It's like a game of poker, it means taking a bit of a risk and for us, there's a lot at stake at the moment."

This weekend sees Byrne looking to extend his BSB championship lead and increase his haul of podium credits as the series heads to the reconfigured Snetterton circuit in Norfolk. Beckenham's Tommy Hill stole the headlines with two race wins at Knockhill last month but Shakey, who finished third and second, did enough to extend his advantage over second-placed John Hopkins.

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SHANE BYRNE, ON WSB LINKS

While he remains at odds with the structure of the championship, which sees the top-six riders elevated to 500 points on top of their podium credits after nine rounds, he is pleased with his season to date.

He said: "I totally disagree with the format, I'm not happy racing under this format, but it's the way the championship's set at the moment and I have to follow it. I'm winning races and getting on the podium and that's what life's all about."

Following Saturday qualifying, the first BSB race at Snetterton gets under way at 12.45pm.

STAYING PUT: Shane Byrne will not be making a return to the World Superbike Championship this season as he puts all his efforts into lifting the British Superbike crown for a third time



WINNER: Adrian Quaife-Hobbs celebrates on the Valencia podium after claiming his first GP3 win

MOTORSPORT

Maiden win sets Quaife-Hobbs up to shine in front of his home crowd

ADRIAN Quaife-Hobbs got his GP3 season firmly back on track last weekend as he picked up his maiden win in the series with a faultless drive in Valencia.

The 20-year-old, who started Saturday's race from the second row of the grid, quickly made his way into the lead and steamed clear of his closest rivals, recording the fastest lap of the race on his way to the checkered flag.

Driving for Marussia Manor Racing, Quaife-Hobbs was fastest for much of the qualifying session in Spain, eventually recording the third-quickest time. Once he hit the front of the race, there was no looking back as the Tonbridge driver opened up a 6.3-second lead to claim a comprehensive victory.

"It's a really good feeling," he said. "We've been working really hard over the past few races leading up to last weekend but we hadn't had the ideal start to the season.

"The team did an extremely good job, giving me a good car for qualifying, where I was consistently fastest for much of the session. The car was perfect. I got off to a great start, I took the lead early on and just pushed the whole way.

"Leading the race was almost like an extended test session. You're on your own, you just drive as fast as you can and make sure you're consistent. I could see I was doing enough to pull away."

The GP3 series, which supports each European round of the Formula One calendar, returns at Silverstone next weekend. Quaife-Hobbs is now 15 points behind championship leader Mitch Evans, having come home eighth in the second race at Valencia after starting from the fourth row of the grid.

He said: "We understand the car a lot better now and we go to Silverstone to really start our championship. I'm really looking forward to that, with my record there. I got on the podium when I was racing in Formula Renault and I was running third there last year, so I know I'm quick there.

"We showed great pace in Valencia and it bodes really well for our home race. We can't look at the championship yet, though, because we're still 15 points off the lead."

FOOTBALL

Kedwell on verge of ending transfer drought, but Gills stay tight-lipped

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THE long wait for a new signing at Gillingham this summer looked poised to be over as this newspaper went to press, with Danny Kedwell's transfer expected to be confirmed late this week.

The striker has been linked with a move to Priestfield ever since he surprised AFC Wimbledon by submitting a transfer request last month.

Kedwell grew up in Gillingham and has supported the club since he was a boy. He told the Surrey Herald the emotional ties were a key reason in his desire for a move, saying: "I've always wanted to play for them and it's a dream come true to get the chance to do it."

The 28-year-old still had a year left to run on his contract at Kingsmeadow, so Gillingham needed to agree a fee, rumoured to be around £100,000, before they could speak to Kedwell.

Gillingham have remained non-committal on the speculation throughout, but manager Andy Hessenthaler admitted more than one deal had been sorted.

He said: "We have made some signings that will all unfold soon. We're keeping our cards close to our chest for the moment."

Archant KOS Media was unable to get any information on who the players were, after being contacted by the club this week requesting we refrained from asking the coaching staff questions about specific targets.

Citing the recent speculation on players as "unhelpful", Gillingham's coaching staff will not be answering enquiries about targets until they have officially signed, in case the negotiations are hi-jacked by a rival.

The club's training ground is also off-limits to journalists "for the foreseeable future".

In addition to Kedwell, Gillingham have been linked with former Dover full-back Matt Fish and transfer-listed Peterborough duo Charlie Lee and Chris Whelpdale in recent weeks.

If the Kedwell deal does go through it would be a significant move in the context of Gillingham's close season. Finding strikers who can replace the goals of the departed Cody McDonald and Adebayo Akinfenwa has been the top priority for Hessenthaler this summer as he looks to mould a squad capable of winning promotion from League Two.

Kedwell netted 26 goals in all competitions as he captained the Wombles to promotion from the Conference Premier via the play-offs, but he has no experience at Football League level.

New arrivals will add enthusiasm for Gillingham's pre-season games, which begin with a trip to the newly named Ashford United on Wednesday.

The first-team squad were back in for training on Friday, although the likes of Simon King and Dennis Oli, who missed the end of last season with injuries, returned at the start of the week.

Several triallists are due to report for training on Monday and could feature against Ashford.



DREAM MOVE: Danny Kedwell is believed to be on his way to Gills

TRANSFER TALK...

BUSINESS was booming this week with several clubs completing deals ahead of pre-season.

Whitstable Town were the biggest movers. **Gary Mickelborough**, **Rob Lyall** and **Aaron Robinson** have all joined the Oystermen, while **Gareth Cornhill** has left to go to local rivals **Ramsgate**.

Defender **John Beales** may be on his way from **Tonbridge Angels** to **Margate**, whose transfer-listed striker **Shaun Welford** is interesting **Maidstone United**.

After an impressive season in **Sittingbourne's** midfield, **Paul Semakula** has moved to **Billericay Town**.

Darren Marsden has performed a surprise u-turn and walked away from **Faversham Town** without even having a training session. The midfielder will be back at **Herne Bay** next season.

Ashford United have been boosted by the arrival of experienced defender **Lee Shearer**, who spent last season with **Hythe Town.**

Among 11 new players at **Sevenoaks Town** is former **Gillingham** trainee **Liam Geering**.

CYCLING

Team Sky's the limit for House's bid to regain the National Road Race crown

KRISTIAN House felt the full force of Team Sky's teamwork as he was squeezed out in the National Road Race Championships last weekend.

The 31-year-old had to settle for sixth place in the north east as Bradley Wiggins led home an all-Team Sky top four.

House, who was born in Canterbury, was attempting to win back the white jersey he won two years ago. Getting into the first big break of Sunday's 122-mile race, the Rapha Condor Sharp rider was eventually in a group of six, four of whom were from Team Sky.

The expensively-assembled squad were using the race as preparation for the Tour de France, which began on Saturday, and were under pressure to win.

House said: "Geraint Thomas [who finished second] said before the start they were going to get slaughtered if they didn't win it. I can relate to that because that's the way we are in a lot of the domestic events. They had to take it seriously.

"Brad is in the form of his life at the moment, it's going to be good seeing him in that jersey going for yellow in the Tour de France."



Picture: RAPHA CONDOR SHARP

OUTNUMBERED: Kristian House finished in sixth place

FOOTBALL

Members heading back to MyFC as the Fleet cash in on Conference promotion

EBBSFLEET United's online owner, MyFootballClub, has experienced a significant rise in membership levels since the club won promotion back to Conference Premier in May.

The web-based society had seen subscriptions levels drop steadily since interest peaked around the Fleet's FA Trophy win at Wembley in 2008. However, their 4-2 play-off win over Farnborough has revived MyFC's fortunes, with a membership of just over 1,500 having helped manager Liam Daish retain the bulk of his playing squad this summer.

Pete Langton, the society board chairman, said: "We've had a real boost, pretty much from the moment we won promotion. It's the first time membership numbers have been going up since we started. People who were there for Wembley have been flocking back.

"I certainly hope it's a long-term relationship [between Ebbsfleet and MyFC]. We are making a difference, so I don't want us to walk away. If the opportunity comes along and someone was interested in buying, of course we would talk to them, but we're not actively looking to sell the club."



Picture: DAVE PLUMB

BOOST: MyFC membership has risen since Ebbsfleet's promotion

Kent golfer overcomes the odds (and twisted bowel) to take dream Open place

COUNTDOWN TO THE OPEN

11 DAYS: There have been 11 successive non-British winners of The Open since Scot Paul Lawrie's win in 1999, the longest gap since Sandy Lyle's 1985 triumph



OPEN SHOT: Francis McGuirk (above) and Andy Smith will represent Kent when Royal St George's (left) hosts The Open later this month

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IT SOUNDS like a plot from a Hollywood film, but the truth proved to be stranger than fiction for a struggling Kent golfer this week who beat the odds to claim a place at The Open Championship.

Playing in his first tournament for almost a year after entering Local Final Qualifying on a whim, Andy Smith turned up at Littlestone on Tuesday with a borrowed set of clubs and no expectations.

Despite playing against a big field which included European Tour regulars, when the dust had settled after 36 holes it was the Maidstone-born golfer on his own at the top of the leaderboard.

The 26-year-old's prize is entry to The Open at Royal St George's, which begins on July 14.

It is a remarkable feat for Smith, who missed several months of last season recovering from surgery on a twisted bowel which almost killed him.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet," a stunned Smith said.

"I had lost all my sponsors after missing so much time last year and just couldn't be bothered with playing anymore. I only thought I'd have a go at qualifying because it was in Kent.

"I know it's a cliche but it's a dream come true. It's been a surreal couple of days."

Pictures: ADY KERRY



Smith, who has spent this year doing odd-jobs to pay the bills, needed to borrow clubs for the tournament because his irons did not comply with the new regulations on grooves. His bag even included a wedge found in the lost property room at Tudor Park, where he is attached.

Coping with a lengthy delay due to thunderstorms which delayed the finish until Wednesday morning, Smith believes his unusual preparation helped him stay relaxed.

He said: "It definitely helped. I didn't know I was winning until someone told me after I finished. Even then I was waiting for people to overtake me because someone always shoots a really low score, but it never happened. I just can't believe it."

Smith can be assured of plenty of vocal support at Sandwich as one of only two Kent players to reach the main field.

Francis McGuirk will be the second local player in the competition, after he finished joint second in the event at Prince's.

Playing on the course he represents, the 37-year-old was among the contenders at the halfway stage after carding a four-under-par 68 in the first round. He was level par after 14 holes in a second round interrupted by the weather, but back-to-back birdies meant he could afford to drop a shot at the last and still qualify.

McGuirk, who needed to pick up three shots in the final three holes in the previous round at the London Club last month, is thrilled at the prospect of a first Open appearance.

He said: "Just to play in an Open itself is a wonderful achievement, it's one of the world's biggest sporting events.

"I'll be trying to go there and enjoy myself. If I could make the cut that would be brilliant but I'm not setting myself any targets."

The county's other 15 hopefuls all fell at the final hurdle this week. They were part of almost 300 players competing for 12 places in golf's oldest major.

Split between Littlestone, Prince's, Royal Cinque Ports and Rye, only the top three at each course after 36 holes could claim the coveted prize.

Herne Bay's Steven Tiley, who qualified for last year's Open at St Andrews, came close to making it again. He missed out on a play-off at Prince's by one stroke, finishing in a tie for fourth alongside former US Open champion Michael Campbell.

Todd Adcock, from Nevill Golf Club in Tunbridge Wells, also had a chance at Royal Cinque Ports. He was in contention for a play-off, but bogeys at the final two holes proved costly.

GOLF

Injuries leave frustrated Woods' county visit hanging in the balance

TIGER Woods' participation in The Open is still uncertain due to injury concerns.

The American has not played since withdrawing midway through the first round at The Players Championship in May with knee and Achilles problems.

He did not play in the US Open last month to allow more time to recover for Royal St George's, but it may not be enough.

Speaking at a press conference this week, Woods, who has won The Open three times and finished joint fourth at Sandwich in 2003, declined to predict a comeback date.



UNSURE: Tiger Woods

He said: "Usually I set a timetable for when I'm going to come back and play when I've had injuries before. This one's different, I'm going to learn my lesson from what I did at The Players [Championship] and apply it.

"I'll come back when I'm 100 per cent. I don't know when that's going to be, that's the kind of frustrating thing about it. I am getting stronger, I'm starting to get more explosive again and then eventually I'll start practising and playing again."

With the start of the tournament less than two weeks away it leaves Woods minimal preparation time if he was to tee up for The Open, but the lure of attempting to win a 15th major could be too tempting to turn down.

GOLF

Record prize money adds to Claret Jug's lustre at Sandwich showdown



Picture: ADY KERRY

REWARD: The Open trophy

THE winner of The Open Championship at Royal St George's later this month will have 50,000 more reasons to celebrate after organisers increased the prize money.

This year's champion at Sandwich will walk away with a cheque for £900,000, an increase of £50,000 from the purse won by Louis Oosthuizen at St Andrews 12 months ago. It is £200,000 more than Ben Curtis won in 2003, the last time the event came to the course, while its first Open, in 1894 had a first prize of £30.

The runner-up in a fortnight's time will have the consolation of £520,000 for their four days' work, while at the other end of the spectrum the last placed golfer will receive £2,350.

The R&A also announced this week the total prize fund has also increased, from £4.8 million to £5m.

Peter Dawson, chief executive at The R&A, said: "Each year The R&A strives to ensure that The Open provides the very best in all areas of the event.

"Every aspect of The Open is under regular review to ensure it remains at the forefront of championship golf."

CRICKET

Returning bowlers giving Kent cause for optimism

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THE gloom which surrounded Kent in the opening weeks of the season continues to recede as the club's injury list dwindles to give the team much-needed strength in depth.

An already small squad was hit with an extraordinary combination of injuries which threatened to derail the campaign before it had even begun.

Results suffered and after a win away to Essex in the opening game of the LV= County Championship they lost all but one of their next seven games in all competitions.

The low point came with an innings defeat at Glamorgan in May, when eight bowlers were deployed with little joy.

Gradually the situation has improved, helped by the addition of overseas duo Wahab Riaz and Charl Langeveldt.

The competition for places has seen Simon Cook miss out in recent Friends Life t20 games, while Matt Coles is due to begin bowling next week after recovering from a foot injury.

It has come in time for Kent to mount a challenge for the t20 quarter-finals, which they will hope to strengthen with a win against Glamorgan Dragons at Canterbury this afternoon.

The options now at Kent's disposal are very welcome for the club's director of cricket, Paul Farbrace.

He said: "A few weeks ago we were struggling to put together a bowling attack. That's no disrespect to the lads who were playing, but we were finding it hard to put out an experienced attack on the field and now we're actually in a position where Simon Cook is missing out at the moment.

"In some ways that's great for us. It's obviously tough for Simon because he's been outstanding for Kent in Twenty20s in the last few years. He's been Mr Consistent and is one of the leading wicket takers in the domestic competition. The fact he's out of our side shows how far we've come in a short space of time.

"Signing the two overseas boys has been fantastic for us, but it's nice to know we have got Simon as the next one in.

"Colesey did really well in the competition last year and in the couple of games he played at the start of this year he was probably our best bowler. To think we're winning games and we've got those two to come back in it's great.

"Sam Billings has also come in and played three games and was magnificent in the field. He's getting better and better, unfortunately he only got one innings but he made a good contribution to the side. We know we've got people who can come in and make a difference to your team and that has to be good going forward."

There is more good news, with Darren Stevens set to begin bowling next week after resting his injured shoulder.

The all-rounder will bowl a handful of overs in the nets, but is unlikely to return to the attack competitively until the championship game against Surrey at the Oval, which begins on July 10.

Picture: ADY KERRY



RECOVERING: Darren Stevens will test out his shoulder in the nets, but is unlikely to return too soon

CRICKET

Picture: ADY KERRY



TALKS: Joe Denly turned down a deal last year

No time limit set for decision over new contract talks

NO DEADLINE has been set on the contract negotiations opened between Kent and six of their playing squad earlier this week.

The futures of Joe Denly, Simon Cook, Azhar Mahmood, Sam Northeast and James Goodman, who are all in the final year of their deals with the county, were discussed this week.

Nothing conclusive had come out of the talks by the time Kent on Sunday went to press, but Paul Farbrace, Kent's director of cricket, has no issue with the process taking some time to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

He said: "It's between the club and the player. All I would say is we want to make sure that we have a strong squad going forward and we're not looking to get rid of players, we want to keep them.

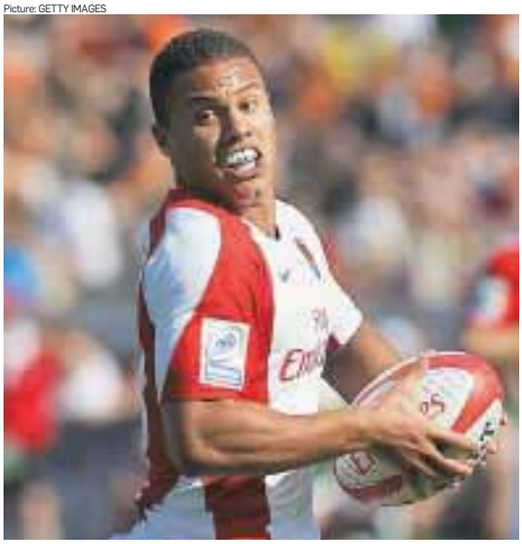
"Different people's contracts will come out at different times. There isn't a deadline that we're necessarily working towards.

"We'll work through it with each player individually, they deserve the opportunity to talk about how they see things. We get a chance to talk about things as well and we'll take it from there.

"There's no set date, all I'd say is we've started talking and we'll continue to do so."

Both Denly and Northeast turned down new contracts after the end of last season, while it is believed the other four players were given an opportunity to prove themselves this season.

Picture: GETTY IMAGES



ON THE MOVE: Dan Caprice has signed a two-year deal at Biarritz

RUGBY

Caprice excited by French challenge after securing dream move to Biarritz

DAN Caprice will take his place at the top table of European club rugby next season after signing a two-year deal with French giants Biarritz Olympique.

The former Medway and Maidstone player established himself as a key member of the England Sevens team over the last two seasons but could not turn down the opportunity to swap the World Series circuit for a crack at the 15-a-side game at the highest level.

Caprice, 21, left Saracens to join Blackheath in 2009 and was one of the first players to be handed a central contract as part of the Sevens set-up.

He ran in 24 tries during his time with England, helping them to victory at the first event of last season in Dubai and although their title challenge fell away in the latter part of the campaign, Caprice's stock was undiminished. Indeed, Biarritz are believed to have beaten several other top European clubs to his signature.

He said: "I'm pretty excited about the move and really looking forward to it. It was a hard decision to make but I'd always wanted to play in France.

"They're one of the top teams in Europe and you only have to look at the players there to see that the chance to train day-in, day-out with them is great. The coaching staff are brilliant and I was blown away by the place when I went over there."

Caprice will be one of three English players in the Biarritz squad next season, with full-back Iain Balshaw and flanker Magnus Lund also plying their trade on the south-west French coast.

Biarritz, who finished sixth in last season's Top 14, reached the final of the Heineken Cup in 2006 and again in 2010, only to lose on both occasions.

Caprice, a utility back, joined Medway as an eight-year-old and captained Chatham Grammar School before continuing his studies, and rugby, at Sevenoaks School.

He won county honours as a youngster with Maidstone and represented Kent from under-15 to under-18 level.

Picked in the England Sevens squad for the Commonwealth Games in India last year, Caprice returned home empty-handed as England lost the bronze medal game to South Africa.



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